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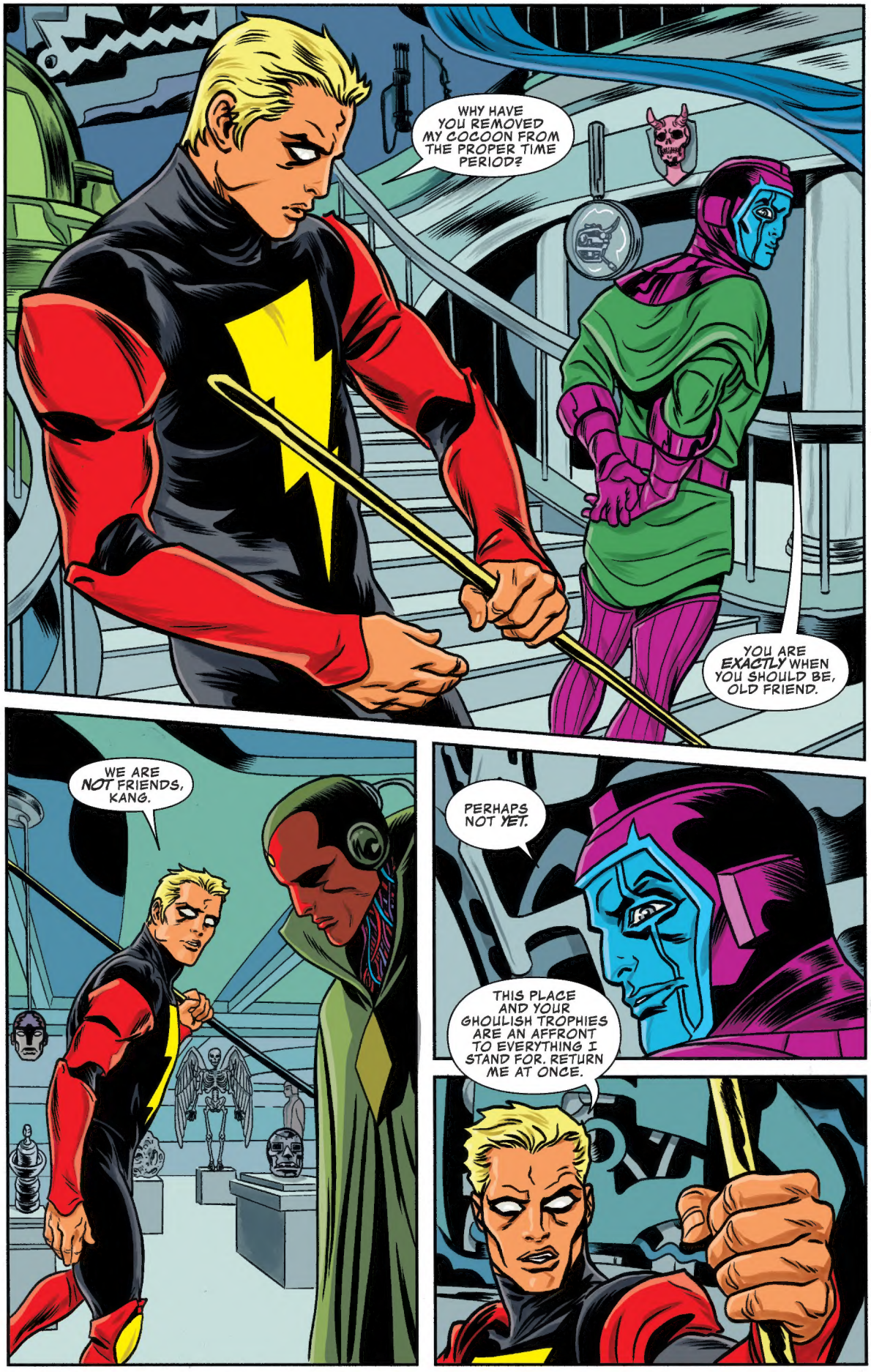
INFINITY COUNTDOWN ADAM WARLOCK

Adam Warlock has been a son of science. A savior.
He lost and won his very soul. He had ultimate power — and sacrificed it.
Adam Warlock has seen the future — and yet he wanders.

Warlock awoke from an apocalyptic vision to find himself trapped in the wastes of Soul World, within the Soul Stone. Making his escape, he emerged . . . into the clutches of Kang the Conqueror!

KANG!
WHERE AM I? WHEN AM I?
WELCOME TO MY CITADEL, WARLOCK.
YOU ARE A GUEST HERE AT THE END OF TIME, AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN, WE HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS.


WHY HAVE YOU REMOVED MY COCOON FROM THE PROPER TIME PERIOD?
YOU ARE EXACTLY WHEN YOU SHOULD BE, OLD FRIEND.
WE ARE NOT FRIENDS, KANG.
PERHAPS NOT YET.
THIS PLACE AND YOUR GHOULISH TROPHIES ARE AN AFFRONT TO EVERYTHING I STAND FOR. RETURN ME AT ONCE.

YOU JUST RETURNED TO LIFE...
...ARE YOU IN SUCH A RUSH TO PERISH AGAIN?
I PROMISE NO DECEPTIONS, AND I INTEND TO GIVE YOU A GIFT.
I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT AT ALL.
I WISH TO REVEAL YOUR PLACE IN THE ORDER OF THE UNIVERSE.
ENTER, IF YOU PLEASE.
YOU FIRST.
AS YOU WISH.
YOU ARE HIM. THE PINNACLE OF HUMAN CREATION, WARLOCK.
YOU ARE THE FINEST ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT MANKIND WILL EVER KNOW...

LOOK UPON YOUR PAST.

DAILY BUGLE

YOU WERE BORN TO FOUR HUMAN PARENTS WHO COMBINED THEIR SCIENTIFIC MIGHT TO CRAFT THE ULTIMATE CLOCKWORK MAN. YET YOU WERE *INCOMPLETE*

YOUR PHYSICAL FORM AND MIND WERE THE PINNACLE OF HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT. BUT YOU WERE WITHOUT A NAME AND WITHOUT A *SOUL*

YOUR EARLY DAYS WERE FRAUGHT WITH *MISSTEPS*

YOU FOUGHT HARD AGAINST A WORLD YOU DID NOT YET UNDERSTAND

AND YOU MET ANOTHER GOD WHO SOUGHT TO GIVE YOU AN EARLY END

BUT SCIENCE FINALLY HAD AN ANSWER FOR DEATH.

THE GENIUS OF YOUR CREATORS WAS REVEALED ONLY AT YOUR DEATH

YOUR PHYSICAL FORM RETREATED TO HEAL

A COCOON PROTECTED YOU WHILE YOUR BODY AND MIND REGENERATED

AND IN YOUR OWN TIME

YOU WOULD BE REBORN

A GLADIATOR!

BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY GAVE YOU THE *SOUL GEM* THAT YOU COULD POSSESS WHAT SCIENCE COULD NOT CREATE FOR YOU. WITH THE GEM, YOU HAD THE CHANCE TO WIN A WARRIOR'S *SOUL*.

YOU WOULD FIND YOUR CALLING ON COUNTER-EARTH, WAGING WAR AGAINST THE MAN-BEAST...

...AND LIKE YOUR CREATORS, YOU WOULD STRUGGLE MIGHTILY AGAINST YOURSELF.

ONE OF YOUR DARK REFLECTIONS CALLING HIMSELF "MAGUS" THREATENED THE UNIVERSE UNTIL YOU INTERVENED

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TURNED THE TIDE AGAINST THE MAD TITAN WHEN ALL OTHERS FAILED.

LATER, YOU ENTERED THE SOUL GEM AND FELL FROM EVEN MY SIGHT.

WHAT LAY WITHIN?

THE SOUL GEM CONTAINS AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE OF INFORMATION...IT WAS *HEAVEN.* OUR ENEMIES WERE DEFEATED, AND THE GALAXY WAS AT PEACE.
OUR REWARD WAS UTOPIA...OR SO I THOUGHT.
I RECENTLY HAD AN EXPERIENCE. A VISION THAT MAY HAVE CHANGED MY THOUGHTS ON THE STONE.
INDEED.
IT IS THIS EXPERIENCE THAT COMPLETED YOU. YOU DIDN'T HAVE A SOUL OF YOUR OWN UNTIL YOU *EXITED* THE SOUL STONE.

THERE IS MORE TO YOUR STORY, BUT I'M MOST CURIOUS ABOUT THIS MOMENT IN TIME--WHY DID YOU LEAVE YOUR HEAVEN AT ALL?
BECAUSE THE UNIVERSE NEEDED ME ONCE AGAIN...
...A TREMENDOUS EVIL ROSE AND ASSEMBLED THE POWERS OF INFINITY.
THANOS GATHERED THE STONES. NOW WE'RE ON THE PRECIPICE OF HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.
THE STONES ARE BEING GATHERED ONCE MORE, AND HAVOK WILL SPREAD ACROSS OUR ENTIRE REALITY.
THEN ENOUGH TALK OF THE PAST!
TAKE ME WHERE I MUST BE TO AVERT THIS EVIL. LET US SUMMON THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY AND--
IT IS NOT THAT SIMPLE.
LOOK UPON THE COMING CALAMITY!
BY THE GODS!
INVOKE THEM, BUT BY THIS MOMENT THEY ARE ALREADY DEAD.

BEHOLD!

INFINITY'S END APPROACHES!

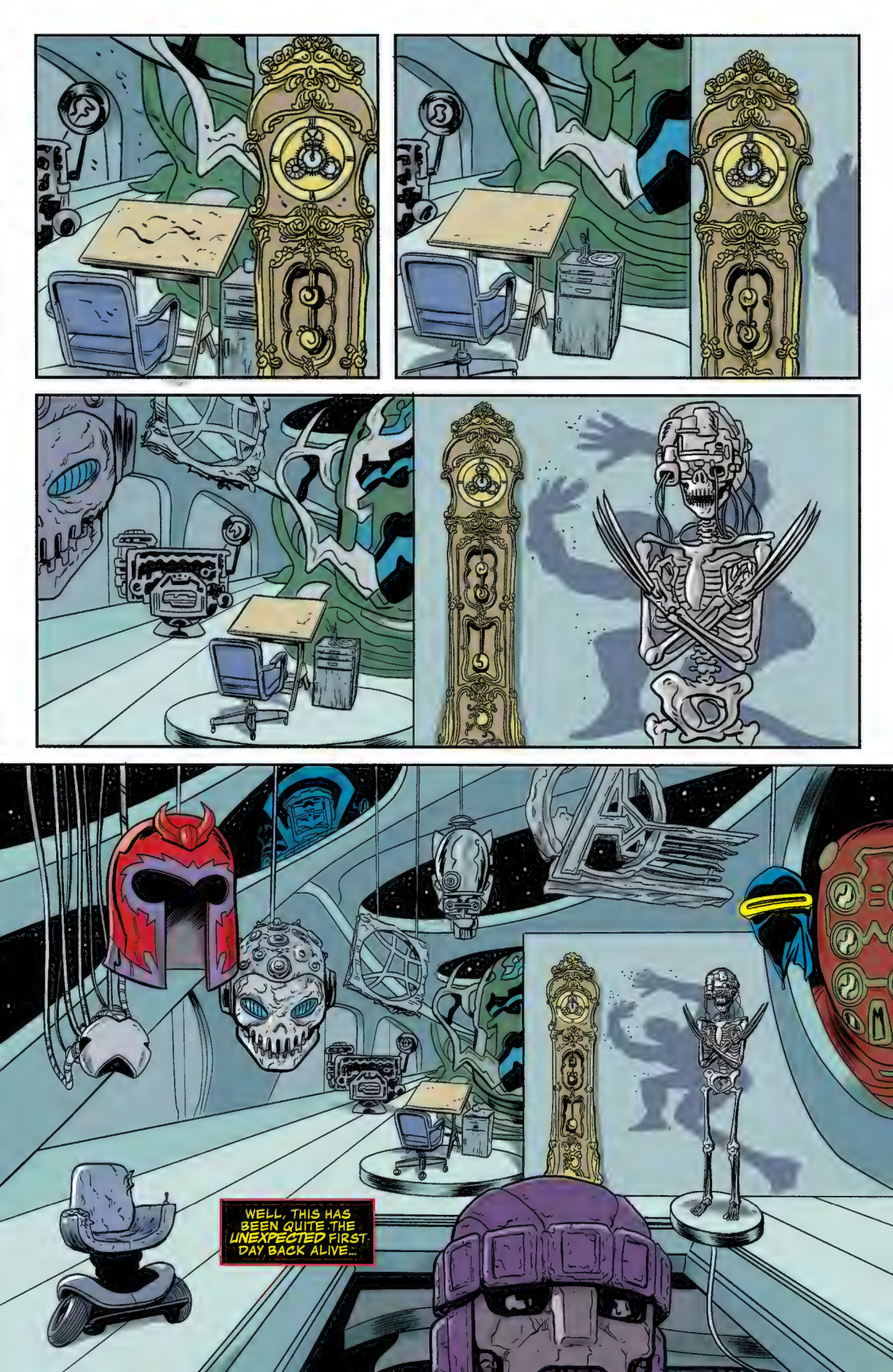
THIS IS ALL THAT I CAN AFFORD TO LET YOU GLIMPSE.
NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IS AT STAKE. ALL YOUR FRIENDS WILL FALL. YOU WILL FALL.
WE MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
ARE YOU MAD?!
HOW CAN WE FLEE?!
WE ARE NOT FLEEING. KANG DOES NOT FLEE.
WE ARE REPOSITIONING TO A MORE... ADVANTAGEOUS TIME.
YOU MUST RETURN ME BEFORE THAT MOMENT! I CAN HELP TURN THE TIDE!

UNLESS...
...WE HAVE ALREADY TRIED AND FAILED?
YES.
MANY, MANY TIMES.
NO MATTER HOW MANY ATTEMPTS, I CANNOT ORCHESTRATE AN OUTCOME THAT DOES NOT END IN DEATH FOR THE UNIVERSE.
YOU SAW ALL THAT I DARED SHOW YOU--LEST WE REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKE FOR THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH TIME.
NOW WE SHALL TRY SOMETHING NEW.
I WILL SEND YOU BACK IN TIME, AND WHEN YOU ARRIVE I WILL SEND WORD ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE SOUL STONE.
YOU MUST RECOVER IT AND KEEP IT SAFE.

IN RETURN, YOU MUST FIND THE TIME STONE AND DELIVER IT TO ME.
IF WE EACH KEEP OUR STONES SAFE THEN WE MAY AVERT THE END THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN FOR US.
WAIT! THERE'S SO MUCH I DON'T UNDERSTAND! TELL ME--
BONG BONG BONG
I'M SORRY. WE'RE OUT OF TIME, WARLOCK.
FIND ME IN THE PAST AND TELL ME WHAT I HAVE SHOWN YOU. I WILL HELP YOU ON YOUR QUEST.
NOW GO! WHILE YOU STILL CAN!
FWASH
YOU ARE TOO LATE.

I GROW WEARY OF THIS GAME, SO I'VE CHANGED THE PAST. AND THE RULES.
INFINITY WILL NOT GIVE WAY TO ENTROPY AFTER ALL.
YOU ARE OMNIPOTENT, NOT OMNISCIENT. THAT WILL BE YOUR UNDOING.
I WILL NOT BE BEATEN BY YOU, OR ANYONE ELSE!
KANG IS THE ONE TRUE MASTER OF TIME!
YOU MAY WIN TODAY--BUT I WILL WIN THE PAST, THE FUTURE AND EVENTUALLY THIS PRESENT!

THIS FUTURE WILL BE UNDONE AND--

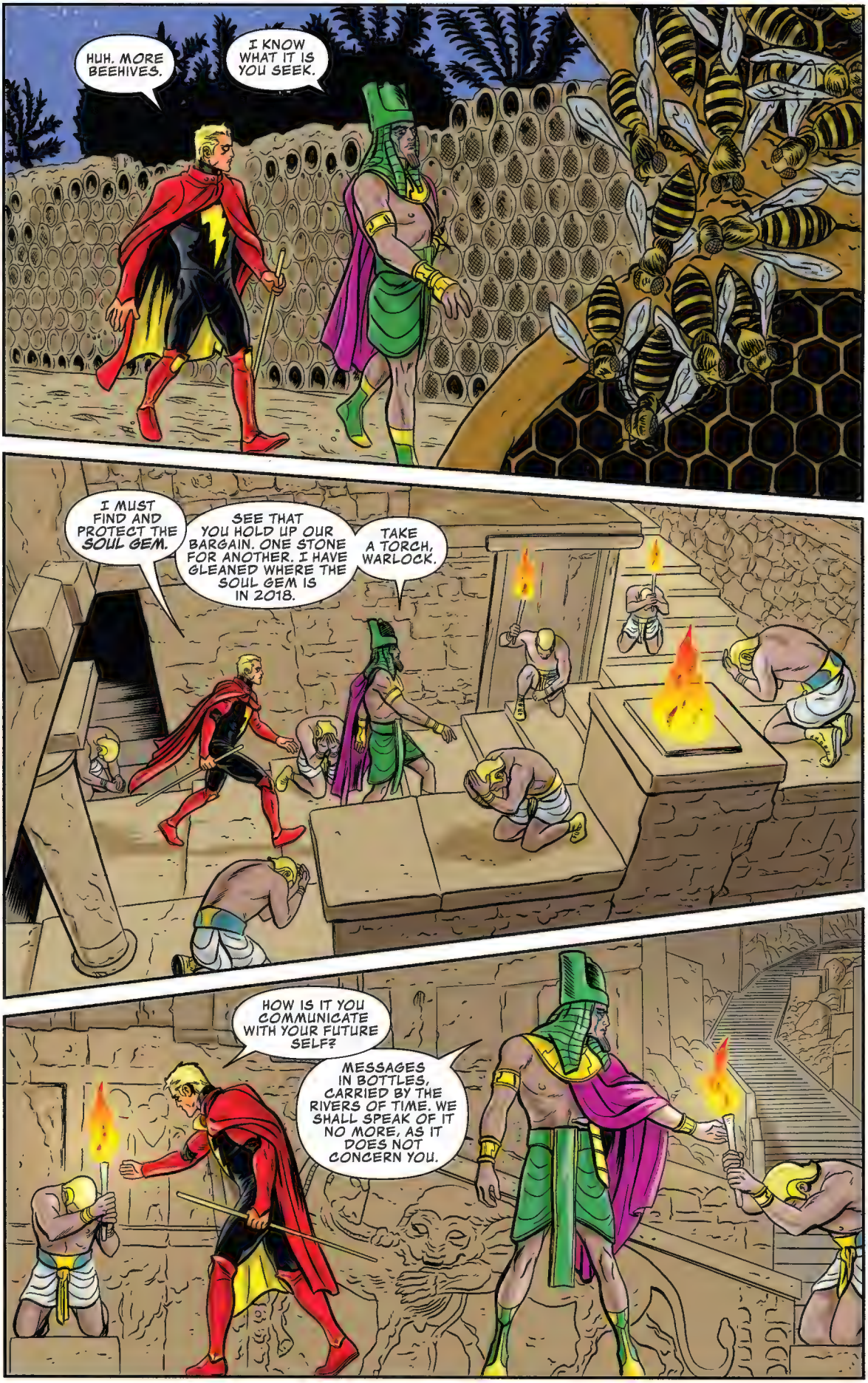

WELL, THIS HAS BEEN QUITE THE *UNEXPECTED* FIRST DAY BACK ALIVE...

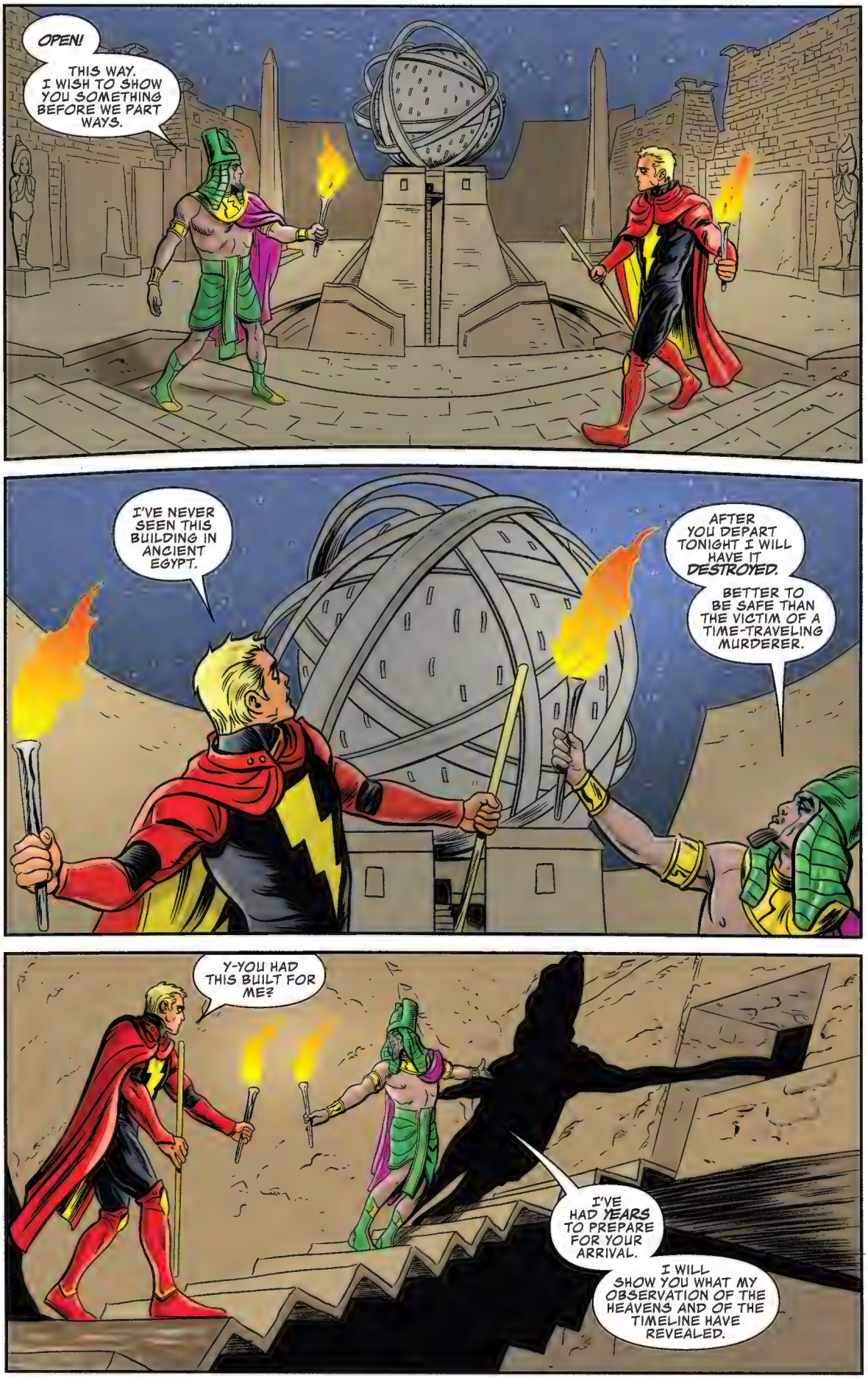
...TO SAY THE LEAST.

‹A STRANGER HAS APPEARED!›*
HMM.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR VIOLENCE.
*TRANSLATED FROM ANCIENT EGYPTIAN.
I'M A... TRAVELER AND I SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH YOUR RULER.
I MEAN YOU NO HARM.
‹HE SPEAKS IN TONGUES!›
‹SLAY HIM!›
›SIGH‹
I TRIED TO WARN YOU.

I MUST BE GENTLE, SO AS NOT TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY BY HURTING OR KILLING ONE OF THESE MEN.
GENTLEMEN--THIS IS TIRESOME.
I AM NO ORDINARY WEARY TRAVELER, AND I POSSESS NOTHING YOU WOULD WISH TO STEAL.
WHILE I HAVE YOU, PERHAPS YOU MAY BE OF USE TO ME--DO YOU KNOW A MAN NAMED KANG?
I WAS TOLD TO EXPECT A VISITOR--
--AND THAT HE WOULD NEED MY HELP--
--BUT THIS IS NOT WHAT I ENVISIONED.

YOU NEED NOT CONCERN YOURSELF WITH THIS VERMIN INFECTING THE GENE POOL. I AM RAMA TUT!
I AM.
YOU ARE THE MAN WHO WILL BECOME KANG.
SLEEP, CURS!
WALK WITH ME, WARLOCK.
THE FUTURE MUST BE BLEAK FOR KANG TO SEND YOU HERE.
I'VE SEEN MY FAIR SHARE OF ROUGH TIMES, BUT NONE LIKE THE GLIMPSE THAT KANG SHOWED ME OF THE FUTURE.


HUH. MORE BEEHIVES.
I KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU SEEK.
I MUST FIND AND PROTECT THE SOUL GEM.
SEE THAT YOU HOLD UP OUR BARGAIN. ONE STONE FOR ANOTHER. I HAVE GLEANED WHERE THE SOUL GEM IS IN 2018.
TAKE A TORCH, WARLOCK.
HOW IS IT YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR FUTURE SELF?
MESSAGES IN BOTTLES, CARRIED BY THE RIVERS OF TIME. WE SHALL SPEAK OF IT NO MORE, AS IT DOES NOT CONCERN YOU.


OPEN!
THIS WAY. I WISH TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING BEFORE WE PART WAYS.
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS BUILDING IN ANCIENT EGYPT.
AFTER YOU DEPART TONIGHT I WILL HAVE IT DESTROYED.
BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN THE VICTIM OF A TIME-TRAVELING MURDERER.
Y-YOU HAD THIS BUILT FOR ME?
I'VE HAD YEARS TO PREPARE FOR YOUR ARRIVAL.
I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT MY OBSERVATION OF THE HEAVENS AND OF THE TIMELINE HAVE REVEALED.

THIS IS MY CELESTIUM.
THERE! THIS STAR IS WHERE YOU MUST GO.

A SINGLE PLANET REVOLVES AROUND THIS STAR. WHEN YOU RETURN TO 2018 YOU MUST STOP THE HEAVENS FROM CRACKING AT THIS POINT, OR ALL LIFE WILL BE SNUFFED OUT.
AND WHO AWAITS ME?
YOUR DARK REFLECTION WILL BE ARMED WITH THE SOUL STONE. HE WILL IMPERIL THE ENTIRE GALAXY.
MAGUS! MY DOPPELGANGER MUST HAVE RETURNED WITH ME. I WILL DESTROY HIM.
I HOPE YOU WILL BRING AN APPETITE FOR WAR.

I MUST SEND YOU INTO THE FUTURE IN THE MOST STEALTHY WAY POSSIBLE. EVEN THE SMALLEST STONE UPON THE RIVERS OF TIME LEAVES RIPPLES.
SPEAK PLAINLY.
KANG'S DEATH IN THE FUTURE MEANS OUR ENEMY ALREADY WIELDS THE POWER INFINITE.
TIME IS NO OBSTACLE, YOU SEE.
ENTER. IF YOU ARE PATIENT, YOU WILL SOON ARRIVE BACK IN 2018.
B-BUT THIS IS JUST AN ORDINARY TOMB.
SO IT WOULD APPEAR--
--AND SO IT IS!
YEAARGH!

WHA-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THIS IS THE ONLY SAFE WAY I CAN SEND YOU INTO THE FUTURE. TRAVELING THROUGH TIME WHILE THE POWER INFINITE HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED IS TOO RISKY.
MY ATTENDANTS WILL PREPARE YOUR BODY TO SLOW YOUR REGENERATION AND COCOONING PROCESS.
YOU SHALL AWAKE IN SEVERAL MILLENNIA. ATTEMPT NO RETURN TO THIS MOMENT IN TIME.
NONE MAY KNOW OF THIS TRAVELER'S PASSAGE INTO THE FUTURE.
YES, MASTER.
YOUR SACRIFICE WILL NOT BE IN VAIN.

SLEEP WELL, ADAM WARLOCK.
BE BRAVE, AND FIGHT WELL WHEN YOU EMERGE FROM YOUR SLUMBER...
...OR TRULY WE WILL ALL BE DOOMED.

ADI GRANOV

INFINITY COUNTDOWN PRIME 1 VARIANT

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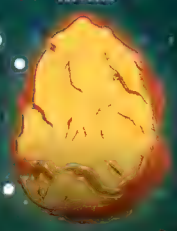
THE INFINITY STONES...

SOUL

Powered by the user's mastery of REALITY. Can preserve the soul to allow for life after death.

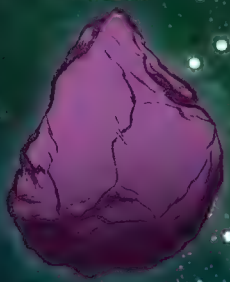
REALITY

Powered by the user's mastery of TIME. Can allow a person access to the multiverse.



MIND

Powered by the user's mastery of SOUL. Can grant telepathy, or intelligence.



POWER

Powered by the user's mastery of MIND. Can make a person more physically powerful.

TIME

Powered by the user's mastery of SPACE. Can allow a person to travel through time.

SPACE

Powered by the user's mastery of POWER. Can allow teleportation through space.

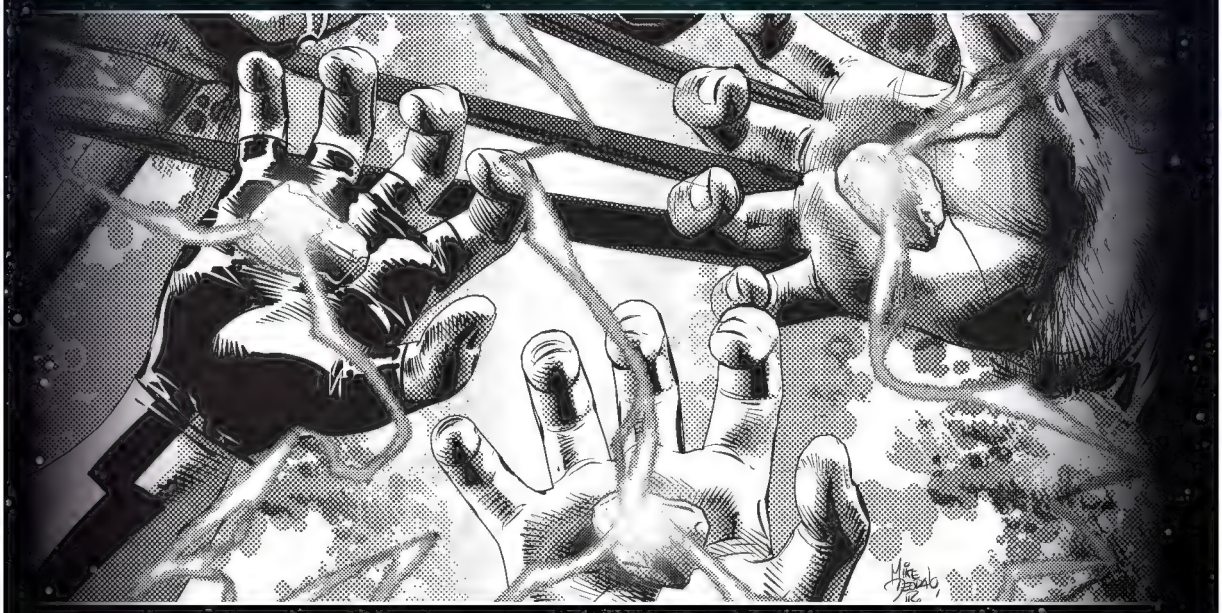
On their own, the stones provide great power. But when combined, they form a circuit--a positive feedback loop granting the user **INFINITE** power!

INFINITY

COUNTDOWN PRIME

Some time ago, the Infinity Stones were reborn and scattered, setting events into motion that will shake the very foundations of the universe.

But for now, the question at hand is...who holds the Stones?



SOMEWHERE IN THE WILDS OF CANADA...
SNFF
HNNH.

RUN ALONG NOW.

YOU DON'T WANT ANY PART OF ME...

SNIKT

...OR THEM.
HELL, YOU ALL LOOK EVEN WORSE THAN YOU SMELL.
ONCE I CAUGHT YER SCENT, I MOSEYED OUT HERE WHERE NOBODY'LL DISTURB US.
GIVE US THE INFINITY STONE, AND THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR YOU TO DIE.
I DO HAVE ONE QUESTION BEFORE I KILL YOU ALL--HOW MANY OF THESE STUPID ROCKS DOES ULTRON HAVE?

ENOUGH TALK! DESTROY HIM. RETURN MY PRIZE!
YOU'RE LISTENING IN, AINT YA, ULTRON?
HOW'S THIS FEEL?
AAAARGH1011010101101
I HAVE THE BEAST TRAPPED IN MY NEURAL SNARE. QUICKLY, RECOVER THE--
YER NEW TO THESE PARTS, BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW--
--I'M THE BEST AT WHAT I DO AND WHAT I DO IS--

POP
--TELEPORT.
OH, NO.
BOY, BAMFIN' IS FUN.
YOU WERE SMART TO PHONE INTO THIS SCRAP, ULTRON.
SPLAK

I'D HAVE KILLED YOU ONCE AND FER ALL.
GRRR!
RAAARGH!
SLAKK
SNFF
YOU.

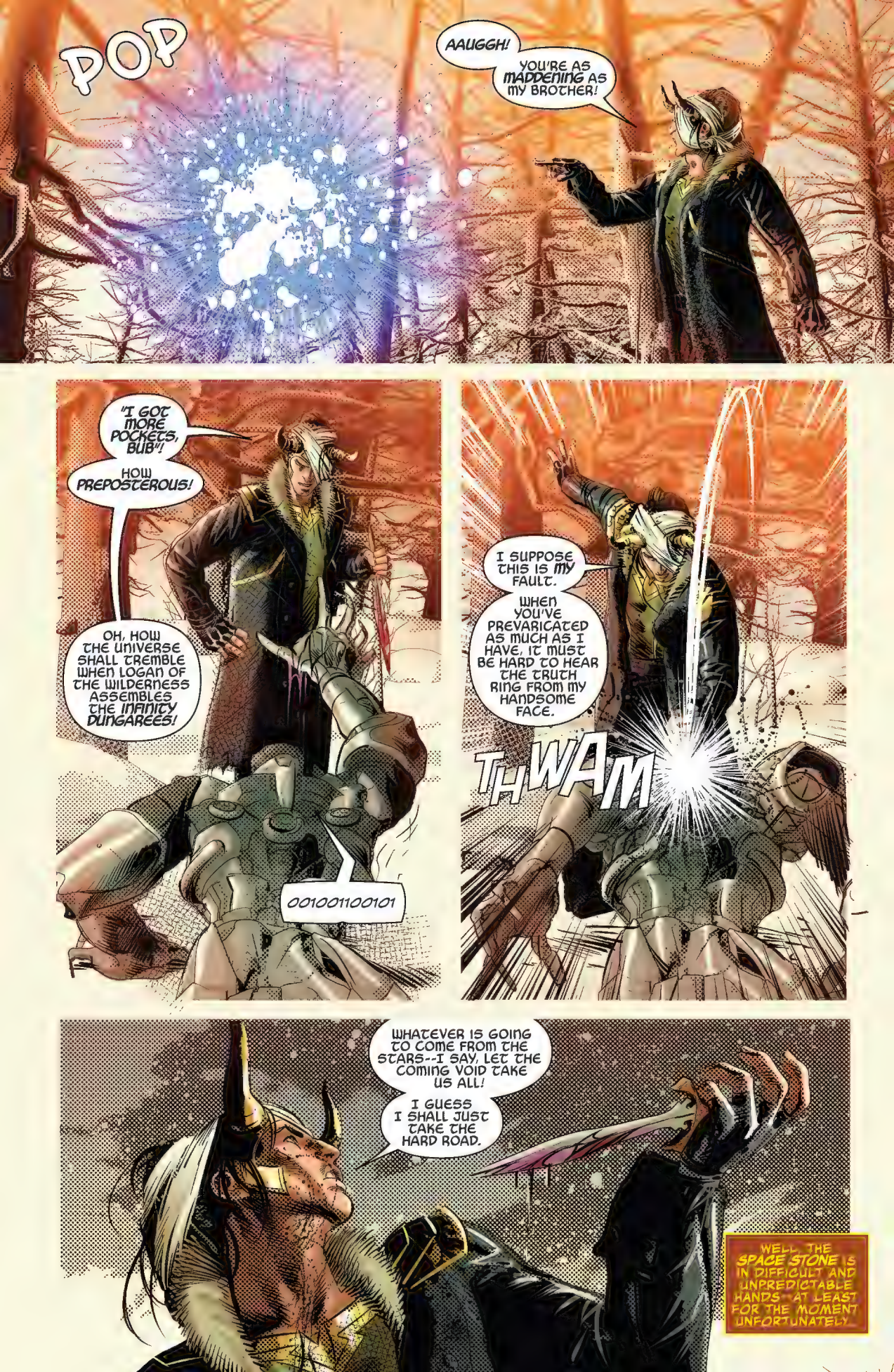
HELLOOOO, LOGAN.
FORGIVE ME.
SWIKK
WHAT THE--
THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY PRETENDERS RUNNING AROUND-- I JUST HAD TO BE SURE IT WAS YOU.

TWUNK
AH!
SORRY, LOKI. I HAD TO BE SURE YOU WERE YOU.
AAAAAH AH OW!
IT'S ME!
HUH. I'M NOT CONVINCED... YET. MAYBE A FEW MORE HACKS.

NO! NO. I'm JUST HERE FOR A PARLEY.
THAT IS IN YOUR VOCABULARY, I TRUST?
I TAKE IT FROM THE LACK OF STABBING THAT YOU WANT TO HEAR ME OUT.
TIME IS SHORT, SO I'LL BE BLUNT.
THAT INFINITY STONE YOU'RE JUST TRAIPSING THROUGH THE WOODS WITH--IT'S GOING TO BE A BURDEN. IF YOU GIVE IT TO ME, I'LL BE HAPPY TO CARRY IT FOR YOU.
HA. PASS.
LOGAN, THINGS ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT BEHIND THE SCENES OF THIS REALITY NOW.
I CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW I KNOW WHAT I KNOW--IT WON'T MAKE ANY SENSE.
BUT IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL ABOUT THE INFINITY STONES, THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE MIGHT GET REWRITTEN AGAIN, AND THERE'S NO TELLING HOW BAD THE RESULT MIGHT BE.
MAYBE THAT'S TRUE...
...MAYBE IT AIN'T. COULD BE THIS DUMB ROCK IS THE BEST THING TO EVER HAPPEN TO ME...AND MUTANTS.
MAYBE I CAN USE IT TO MAKE SURE WE STOP GETTING THE $@#% END OF THE STICK.
PERHAPS...OR PERHAPS YOU'RE LIKELY TO BRING A CALAMITY FROM THE COSMOS RIGHT TO THE VERY DOOR OF THE PEOPLE YOU SAY YOU LOVE.

LOGAN, I--
I MAY NOT TRUST MYSELF WITH THIS ROCK, BUT I SURE AS HELL DON'T TRUST YOU.
BE REASONABLE, YOU INTEMPERATE WOOLY DWARF!
DON'T YOU HAVE GIANT ROBOTS TO FIGHT, OR NINJAS TO CLOBBER?
WHY CAN'T YOU REALIZE THE HAZARD THESE STONES REPRESENT?
THEY'RE DANGEROUS CHEATS!
TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE.
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? I BELIEVE YOU. THAT'S WHY THIS ONE IS STAYING IN MY POCKET.
AND WHEN THE OTHER STONE WIELDERS COME LOOKING FOR THE SPACE STONE--WHAT THEN?!
WELL...

...I GOT MORE POCKETS, BUB.


POP
AAUGGH!
YOU'RE AS MADDENING AS MY BROTHER!
"I GOT MORE POCKETS, BUB"!
HOW PREPOSTEROUS!
OH, HOW THE UNIVERSE SHALL TREMBLE WHEN LOGAN OF THE WILDERNESS ASSEMBLES THE INFINITY DUNGAREES!
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I SUPPOSE THIS IS MY FAULT.
WHEN YOU'VE PREVARICATED AS MUCH AS I HAVE, IT MUST BE HARD TO HEAR THE TRUTH RING FROM MY HANDSOME FACE.
THWAM
WHATEVER IS GOING TO COME FROM THE STARS--I SAY, LET THE COMING VOID TAKE US ALL!
I GUESS I SHALL JUST TAKE THE HARD ROAD.
WELL, THE SPACE STONE IS IN DIFFICULT AND UNPREDICTABLE HANDS--AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT UNFORTUNATELY.

AGAINST THE ODDS, THERE'S A SECOND STONE ON EARTH.
GOOD LUCK, SIR.
THANKS, BUT I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.
WELCOME BACK, MR. TURK.
THERE'S A ROLL IN THE FRONT SIDE POCKET, PEEL YOURSELF OFF THE TOP BILL.
THANK YOU, SIR, BUT AREN'T YOU WORRIED I'LL GET GREEDY?
NAH, I TRUST YOU.

A ROUND ON ME. IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO BEFORE I KNOCK THE PLACE OVER.
CLUB SODA?
PLEASE.
WELCOME BACK.
I HAVE AN ACE SHOWING, WOULD YOU LIKE INSURANCE?
I'LL STAY... YOU'RE GONNA BUST.
TOLDJA.
SOME OF THE STONES ARE IN THE HANDS OF SOULS THAT ARE ONLY BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THEIR POWER
AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT I FIND FASCINATING?

OUR REALITY STONE WAS NOT ACTUALLY IN OUR REALITY

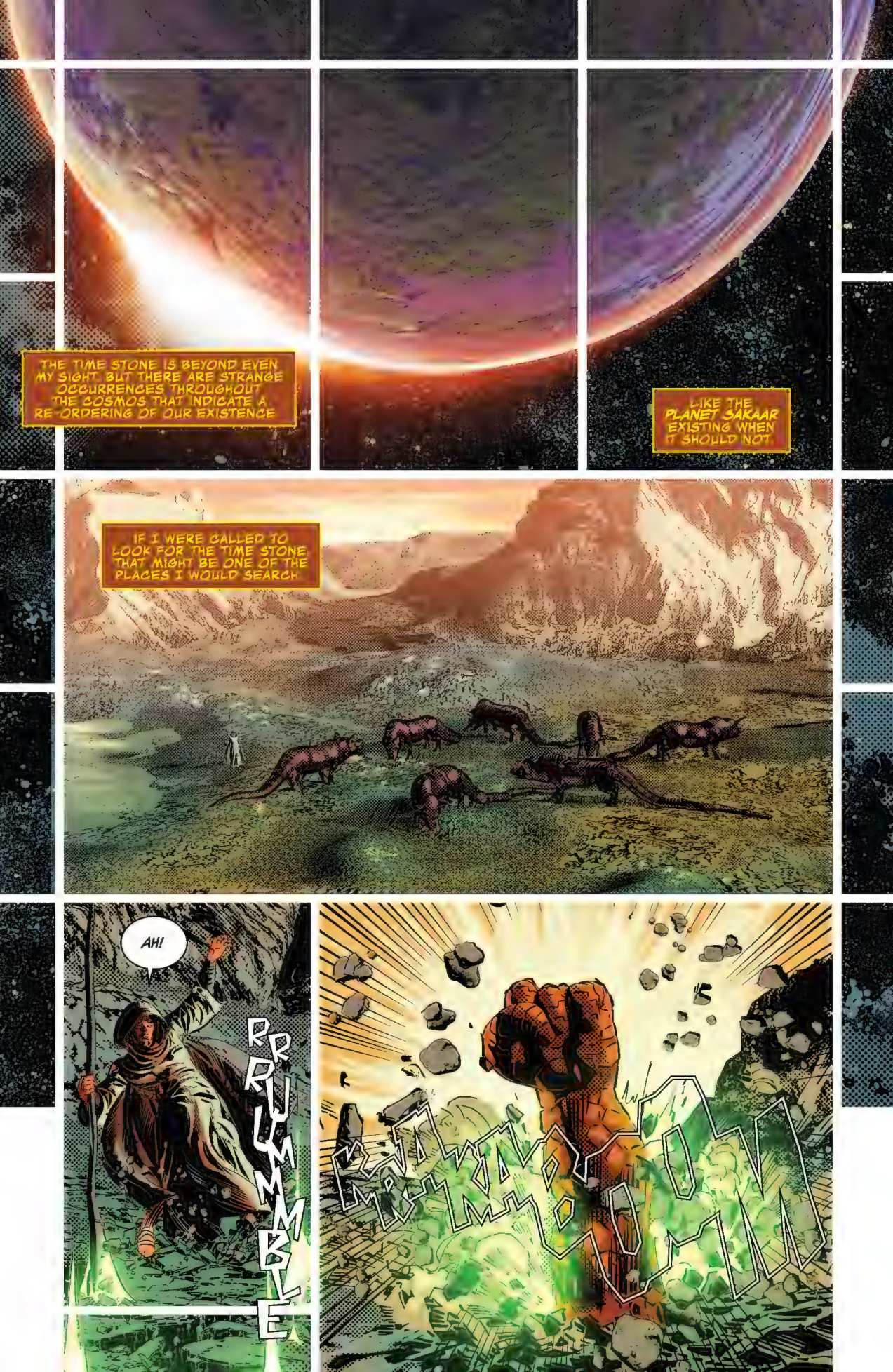
NONETHELESS CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS LOCATED IT

AND PERHAPS OTHER UNIVERSES' MARVELS ARE FINDING THEIR STONES VERY FAR FROM THEIR HOMES

THAT'S QUITE A HIGH SHELF TO PERCH IT ON. SOMEONE DOESN'T WANT THOSE STONES TO BE HANDLED AT ALL

IN FACT, ONE CANNOT EVEN BE MOVED. THE POWER STONE WAS ONCE A SMALL CUT GEM, AND NOW IT'S A ROCK THE SIZE OF A MOUNTAIN.
IT'S SO LARGE THAT THE NEARBY STAR ORBITS THE PLANETOID THAT THE STONE RESTS ON.
THE DRUMS OF WAR GROW LOUDER.
THE NOVA CORPS COULD NOT KEEP THEIR FIND A SECRET, AND THE FRATERNITY OF RAPTORS AND THE CHITAURI ARE MOVING IN FOR THE KILL.

BUT THERE ARE MORE BENEVOLENT FORCES THAT SEEK INFINITE POWER TOO
WE'VE WASTED TIME WITH THE NOVA CORPS--THE SOUL STONE IS OUT THERE--I MUST FREE THE PART OF ME THAT IS TRAPPED WITHIN IT!
AND IF YOU DO NOT HELP ME, QUILL, THEN I WILL GO IT ALONE!
LISTEN, GAMORA--WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THE OTHER STONES ARE, AND POOR GROOT IS HAVING HIS OLD LIMBS TURNED INTO MAN-EATING TREES, SO I'D RATHER SOLVE THAT PROBLEM THAN FLY OFF AND MAKE NEW ONES.
SPACE HAS JUST AS MUCH YELLING AS EARTH.
I AM GROOT.
BY HELA, I HATE THAT PLACE. I DON'T WANT TO GO TO EARTH.
NO OFFENSE, I KNOW YOU'RE BOTH FROM THAT CRAPHOLE.
THE GUARDIANS ARE IN THE EYE OF A STORM. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHO WILL WIN THE POWER STONE.


THE TIME STONE IS BEYOND EVEN MY SIGHT, BUT THERE ARE STRANGE OCCURRENCES THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS THAT INDICATE A RE-ORDERING OF OUR EXISTENCE
LIKE THE PLANET SAKAAR EXISTING WHEN IT SHOULD NOT.
IF I WERE CALLED TO LOOK FOR THE TIME STONE, THAT MIGHT BE ONE OF THE PLACES I WOULD SEARCH.
AH!
RRRUMMBLE
KRAKOOM

IT'S MINE!
I WILL ERASE THE HUMILIATION OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE FROM THE COSMOS.
SO SWEARS KL'RT!
NOW I MUST FIND THE OTHER FIVE STONES.
THE STONES REPRESENT POWER OVER THIS UNIVERSE. THERE WILL BE NO SHORTAGE OF SOULS THAT SEEK TO DOMINATE THEM

ADAM WARLOCK WILL BE A PLAYER IN THE COMING STRIFE.

ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE CURIOUS RELATIONSHIP HE SEEMS TO HAVE WITH THE SOUL GEM.

BOOM

AEEEIIIII!
YOU THERE, BOY! WHAT YEAR IS IT?
2018.
WONDERFUL.

AND OF COURSE THERE IS THANOS TO CONSIDER THE BLACKEST SOUL IN THE UNIVERSE
HE CONQUERED THE CHITAURI WITH RELATIVE EASE

...IMAGINE IF THE MAD TITAN WERE TO ONCE AGAIN WIELD THE POWER INFINITE?
I DO NOT FEAR THANOS, CONTEMPLATOR.
THE HUBRIS OF THAT THOUGHT IS STAGGERING, MAGUS.
IT IS I WHO WIELD THE SOUL GEM.
IT IS I WHO CLEAVED YOUR HEAD FROM YOUR BODY-- AND IT IS I WHO SHALL ASSEMBLE THE STONES AND REORDER THE UNIVERSE IN MY IMAGE.
I SHALL RESTART MY CHURCH, AND THOSE WHO REJECT MY FLOCK SHALL DIE UNDER MY HEEL.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED WHY I HELPED YOU LOCATE THE SOUL GEM AFTER YOU STOLE ME FROM MY MEDITATION AND DESECRATED MY BODY?
I DIRECTED YOU TRUTHFULLY TO A STONE, BUT I ALSO MADE SURE YOU WERE *NOTICED* BY GREEDY EYES.
LET THANOS COME!
NO, I'VE CONTEMPLATED A *DIFFERENT* OUTCOME FOR YOU.

GOODBYE, MAGUS.
AAAARGH!
KRAK

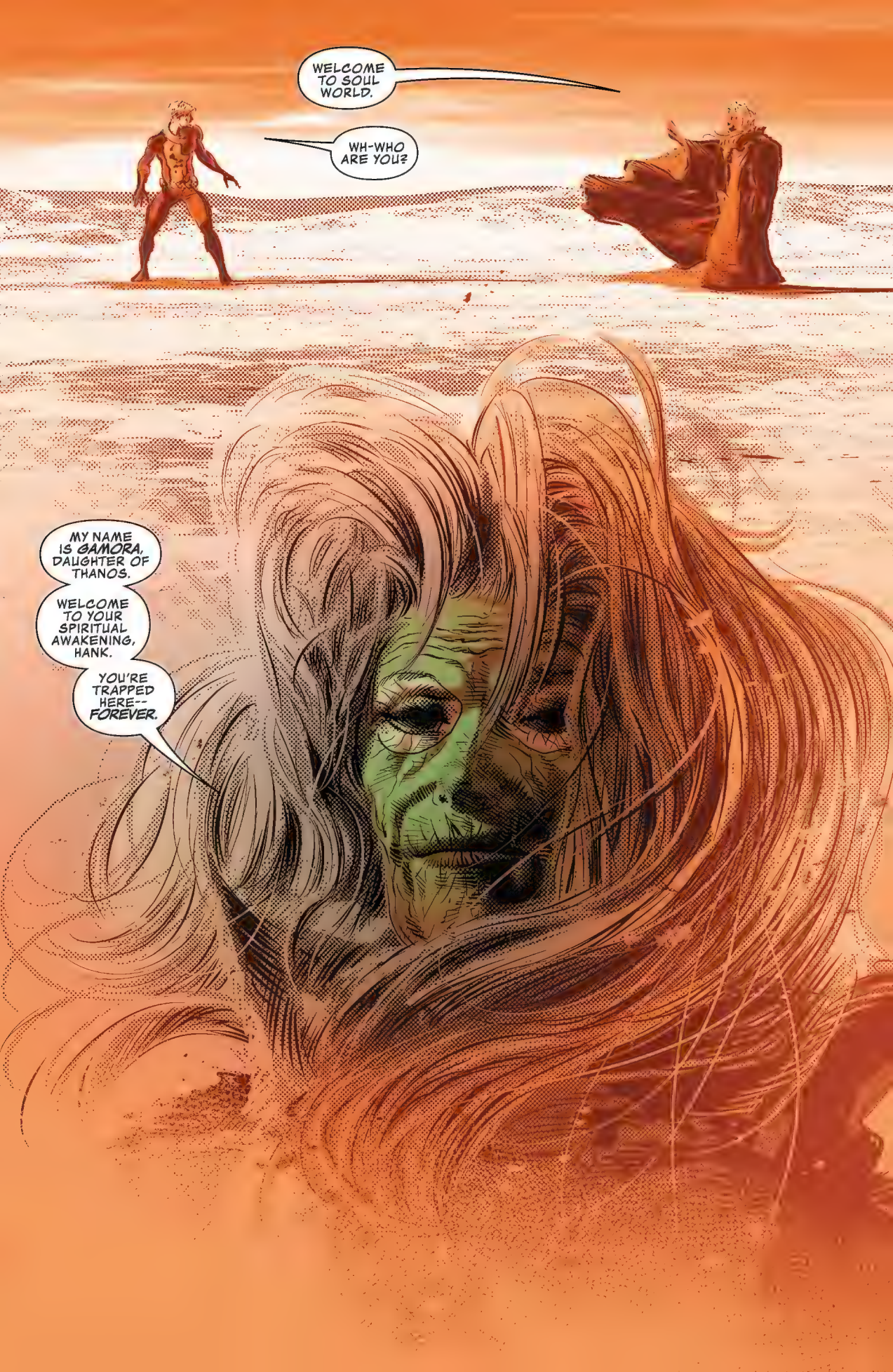
TOO EASY.
HIS TWIN, WARLOCK, WILL GO DOWN JUST AS EASILY.
MY NAME IS HANK PYM. SOME CALL ME ULTRON.
LISTEN, I'M NOT SAYING WE'RE HAVING AUDITIONS, BUT IMPRESS US.
I AM NOBODY TO YOU.
AND IN A MOMENT, I WILL BEGIN A VOW OF SILENCE AND MEDITATION THAT WILL LAST FOR EONS.
BUT BEFORE I DO...I WOULD NOT SEEK TO POSSESS THE SOUL GEM IF I WERE YOU.
HA!
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOU HAVE A WAY TO PREVENT THAT.

GASP!
ALL MAY NOT BE LOST FOR YOU.
OF COURSE IT ISN'T!
I WAS SPEAKING TO THE MAN, NOT THE MACHINE.

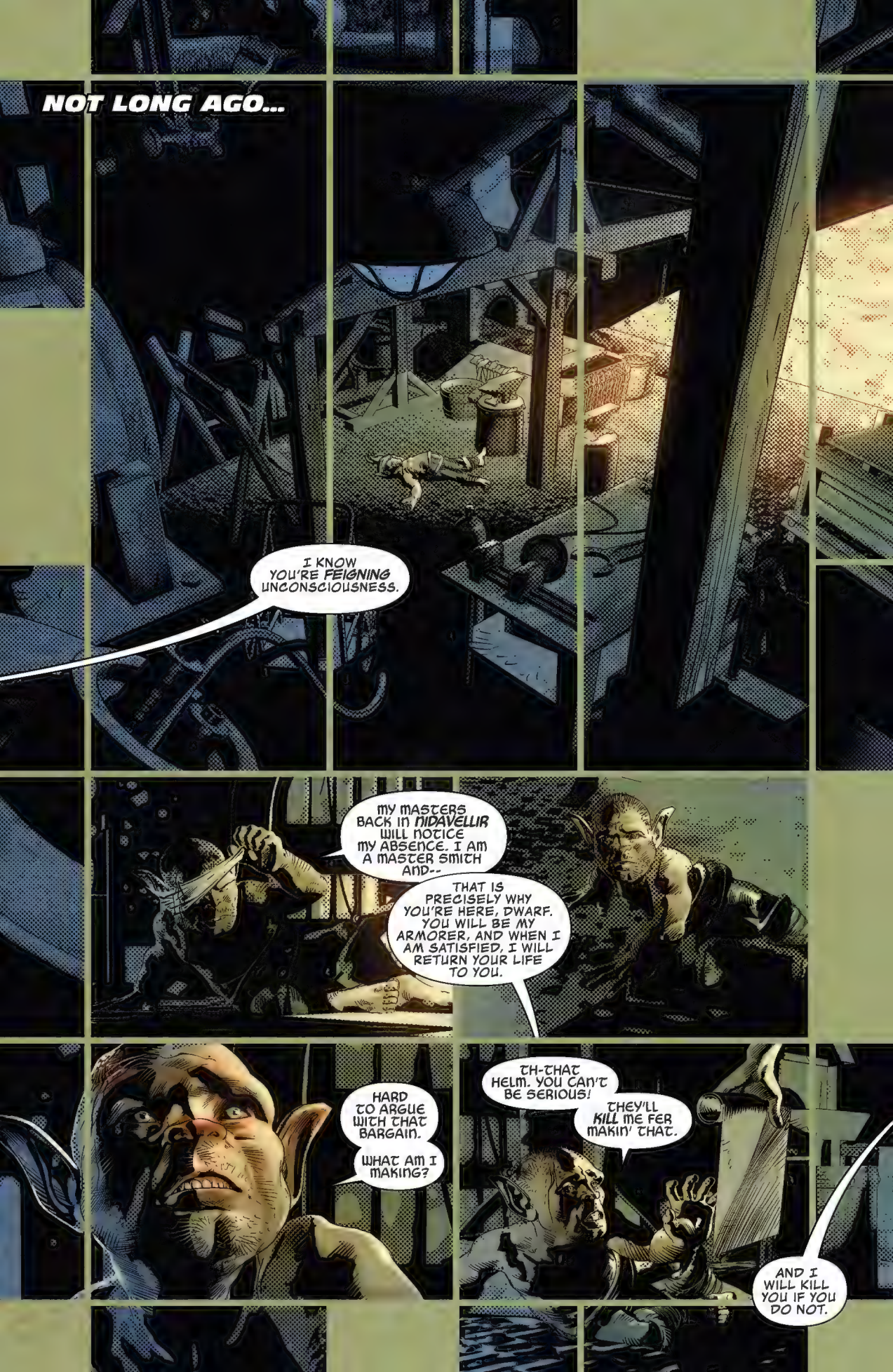
AND NOW TO REST.
BEGONE, CRIPPLED WRETCH!
FWOOM
HA HA. I WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE.

ONE DOWN.
FIVE TO GO!
HA HA HA HA!
WE CAN REWRITE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!

OH, MY GOD.
NO...NO... NO!
HANK PYM?


WELCOME TO SOUL WORLD.
WH-WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS GAMORA, DAUGHTER OF THANOS.
WELCOME TO YOUR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING, HANK.
YOU'RE TRAPPED HERE-- FOREVER.

INFINITY COUNTDOWN 1


NOT LONG AGO...
I KNOW YOU'RE FEIGNING UNCONSCIOUSNESS.
MY MASTERS BACK IN NIDAVELLIR WILL NOTICE MY ABSENCE. I AM A MASTER SMITH AND--
THAT IS PRECISELY WHY YOU'RE HERE, DWARF. YOU WILL BE MY ARMORER, AND WHEN I AM SATISFIED, I WILL RETURN YOUR LIFE TO YOU.
HARD TO ARGUE WITH THAT BARGAIN.
WHAT AM I MAKING?
TH-THAT HELM. YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
THEY'LL KILL ME FER MAKIN' THAT.
AND I WILL KILL YOU IF YOU DO NOT.

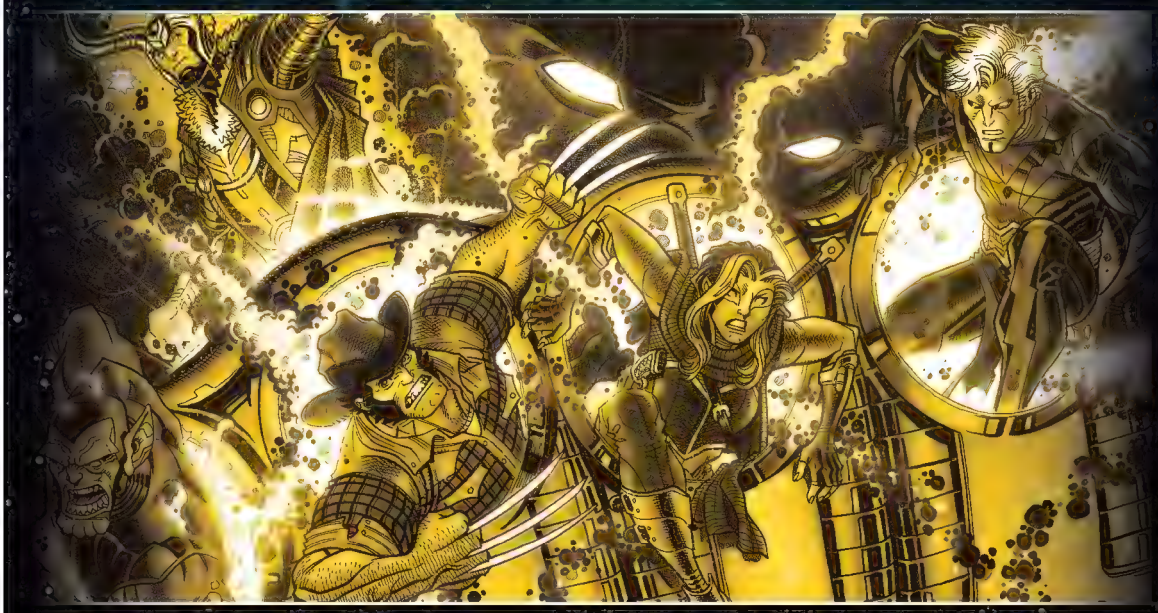
INFINITY

COUNTDOWN

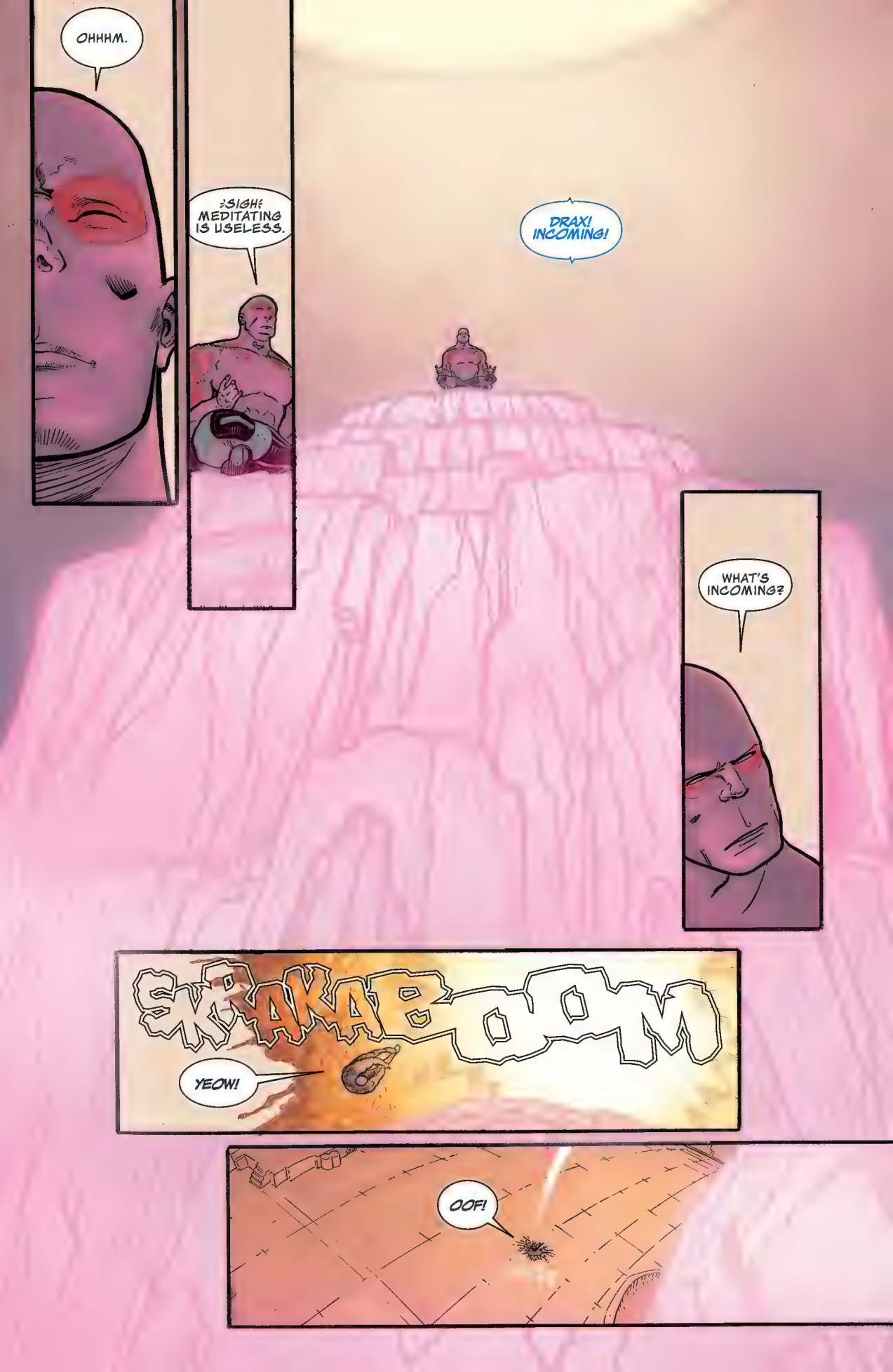
THE INFINITY STONES WERE REBORN AND SCATTERED.

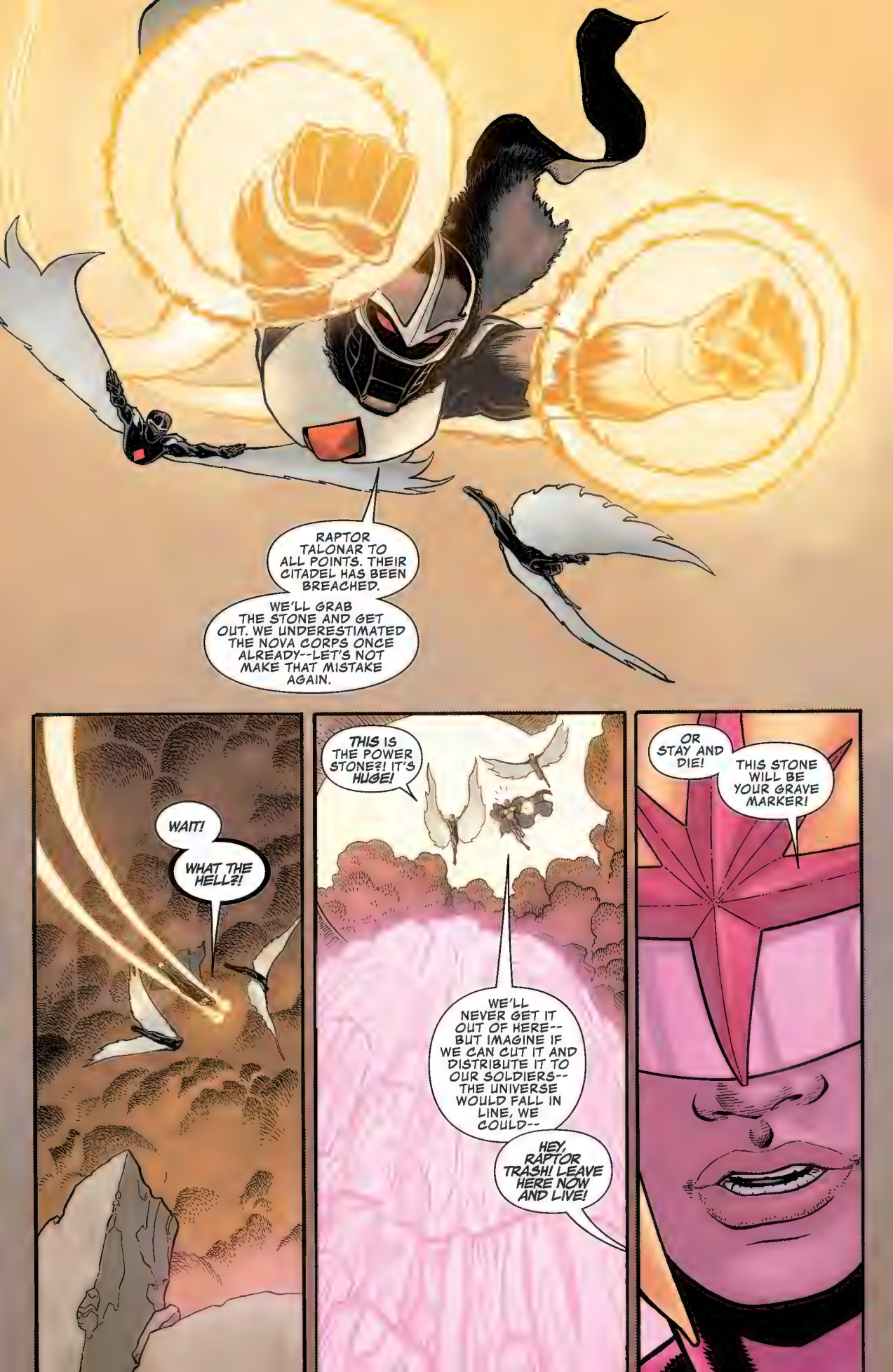
THE LARGEST, THE POWER STONE, IS HIDDEN ON THE PLANETOID KITAUNG.
DRAX AND THE NOVA CORPS, LED BY EVE BAKIAN, HOLD THEIR GROUND AS ENEMIES GATHER.
MEANWHILE, THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY FACE THE FORMIDABLE GARDENER, WHOSE ARMY
OF EVIL TREE-LIKE CREATURES HAS OVERRUN THE PLANET TELFERINA.

AS FOR THE OTHER STONES, THEY NEVER STAY SECRET FOR LONG...



XITAUNG.
"THE RAPTOR FLEET IS APPROACHING FROM THE ALPHA QUADRANT."
"LOOKS LIKE THE SECRET THAT THE POWER STONE IS HERE HAS GOTTEN OUT."
THEY'RE NOT TRYING TO HIDE THEIR PRESENCE, COMMANDER BAKIAN.
AND WE CAN'T HIDE ANYMORE.
SEND AN IMMEDIATE DISTRESS SIGNAL TO NOVA HEADQUARTERS.
I CAN'T GET A SIGNAL OUT--WE'RE BEING JAMMED.
INCOMING TORPEDOES!
THEY'VE TARGETED THE FAKE REACTOR BUILDING HIDING THE INFINITY STONE!
DRAX, INCOMING!


OHHHM.
;SIGH; MEDITATING IS USELESS.
DRAX! INCOMING!
WHAT'S INCOMING?
SKRAKAB OOM
YEOW!
OOF!


RAPTOR TALONAR TO ALL POINTS. THEIR CITADEL HAS BEEN BREACHED.
WE'LL GRAB THE STONE AND GET OUT. WE UNDERESTIMATED THE NOVA CORPS ONCE ALREADY--LET'S NOT MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN.
WAIT!
WHAT THE HELL?!
THIS IS THE POWER STONE?! IT'S HUGE!
WE'LL NEVER GET IT OUT OF HERE--BUT IMAGINE IF WE CAN CUT IT AND DISTRIBUTE IT TO OUR SOLDIERS--THE UNIVERSE WOULD FALL IN LINE, WE COULD--
HEY, RAPTOR TRASH! LEAVE HERE NOW AND LIVE!
OR STAY AND DIE!
THIS STONE WILL BE YOUR GRAVE MARKER!

THE ONLY ONE DYING HERE--IS YOU!!!
Y-YOU'RE PREGNANT?!
YOU'RE OBSERVANT.
THIS IS INSANE-- WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY, WOMAN.
MAKE ME.
KWABOOM

YOU AGAIN. LET'S SEE IF THOSE SHINY NEGA-BANDS YOU WEAR...
UNGH!
OOF!
...WILL PROTECT YOU FROM MY WRATH!
URK!
BOOM
WE CAN NO LONGER KEEP THE STONE A SECRET. WE REQUIRE REINFORCEMENTS. NOW.
AGREED, BUT THE RAPTORS ARE JAMMING OUR COMMS.
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO UP THERE AND USE ONE OF THEIR RADIOS TO SUMMON THE NOVA CORPS...

"...AND THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY.
"BY NOW THEIR COMBINED MIGHT WILL HAVE PACIFIED THE MALIGNANT DOPPELGANGERS OF GROOT THAT ARE DESTROYING TELFERINA."
DON'T LET ANY OF THEM PAST YOU! NOT ALL THE CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED YET.
PLEASE DON'T ANYONE PUNCH ME--BUT WE HAVE TO GET TO THE *ROOT* OF THIS GROOT PROBLEM. THEY KEEP COMING.
I AM GROOT!
DON'T WORRY, NOVA. I'M GONNA END THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL AS SOON AS I GET MY PAWS AROUND THE GARDENER.

GAMORA, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU, AND NOW THAT WE HAVE A QUIET MOMENT TO CHAT, I--
PETER, SO HELP ME, IF YOU TRY TO TALK ME OUT OF FINDING THE INFINITY STONES AGAIN--
SKRACK
RUN!
FLEE!
HE'S COMING THIS WAY!
MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL THE COLLECTOR AND GRANDMASTER IN ON THIS.
OH, GOD, THAT'S TERRIBLE. I JUST LOOKED UP IN TIME TO SEE HIS ROBE FLAP OPEN IN THE WIND...

GARDENER'S NOT WEARING ANY, UH, ELDERWEAR UNDER HIS ROBE. DON'T LOOK UP AT HIS--
SHUT UP, ANT-MAN.
MILLENNIA AGO I CREATED A MASTERPIECE ON THIS BARREN ROCK, AND YOU PARASITES RUINED IT.
YOU POURED ROCK OVER ONE-OF-A-KIND ART.
I'M RESTORING THIS WORLD TO ITS FORMER GLORY!
ALL OF YOU WHO CAN LEAVE--SPREAD THE WORD--I'M RESTORING MY COLLECTION.
THERE'S THE FLARKER WHAT NEED KILLING.
I AM GROOT!
GROOT AIN'T WELL, QUILL.
WAIT, ROCKET--HE'S A COSMIC ELDER--I THINK WE NEED BACKUP.
THE ONLY THING THAT'S GONNA BE BACKED UP IS THE GARDENER WHEN I SHOVE THIS GUN WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE!

GRRAAARRRGH!
FWOOSH
OUTTA THE WAY, SHRUBBERY!
BABOOM
BABOOM
BABOOM
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, YOU OLD BATHROBE-WEARING HARKSKINE-SUCKING PLARQUEHEAD!
UGHNGHNGN!

ACK!
AH, YES. I REMEMBER YOU.
THE RODENT THAT THAT I EVICTED FROM MY FLORA COLOSSUS.
YOU ARE QUITE PERSISTENT.
YOU HURT MY FRIEND--
SLIKK
THUNK
--SO I'M GONNA KILL YOU BACK!
IS--IS THAT ALL THIS DOES?
IMBECILE! I POSSESS THE POWER PRIMORDIAL... AND NOW I POSSESS YOU.
LET US WITHDRAW FROM THE FIELD OF BATTLE, AND LET ME TELL YOU A TALE OF RUIN.
AAARRGH!

AAARRGH!
WHY DO NONE OF THESE BIRD-MEN'S WINGS CONVEY ME SKYWARD?!
FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP
HEH-HEH-HUHN.
OUR TECHNOLOGY WILL NEVER WORK FOR YOU. THOSE WINGS WILL ONLY FLY FOR ME.
WUMP
YOU'RE GROUNDED.

COMMANDER, WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH TALONAR AND OUR GROUND FORCES ARE MEETING UNEXPECTED RESISTANCE.
EXPLAIN. AND--WHO IS SCREAMING?
YEAAAAAAAAAA
FLY, DAMMIT!
CAN'T BREATHE.
SKRAS
SSHK
WHO IS IN CHARGE OF COMMUNICATIONS?
I'LL DIE BEFORE I--
UGHN!
THIS IS DRAX BROADCASTING ACROSS ALL FREQUENCIES TO THE NOVA CORPS! DO YOU READ ME?

HELLO?
OUR SYSTEMS ARE LINKED TO OUR DNA. AFTER YOUR PIRATE GROUP STOLE OUR SHIP, WE MADE SOME SECURITY UPGRADES.
HEH, OUR TECH WILL NEVER WORK FOR--
I'VE HEARD THIS ONE ALREADY, AND I'M LOSING MY PATIENCE!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO LOSE MUCH MORE, NOVA LOVER.
THANOS' FLARKING STONES!
I--I HEAR YOU, DRAX.
WHO'S THERE? GET OUT OF MY HEAD!
IT'S OKAY...IT'S ME...

QUINON?! WHERE ARE YOU?
I'M STILL BACK AT THE NOVA HEADQUARTERS.
Y-YOU REMEMBER RESCUING ME A FEW DAYS AGO?*
PLEASE DON'T THINK I'M EAVESDROPPING-- I TRY NOT TO LISTEN IN BUT WHEN YOU GET MAD, I CAN STILL HEAR YOU.
I GUESS WE'RE STILL CONNECTED...
SORRY, I'VE ONLY BEEN A TELEPATH SINCE ULTRON TRIED AND FAILED TO CONQUER MY PEOPLE. SOMEHOW THE INFECTION CREATED THIS ABILITY, AND I'M STILL FIGURING IT ALL OUT.
QUINON! AMAZING. YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT A GOOD TELEPATH, BUT WE ARE SEPARATED BY LIGHT-YEARS.
LISTEN! YOU MUST RALLY THE NOVA CORPS, AND CONTACT THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY!
TELL THEM TO RETURN TO EVE BAKIAN'S POST-- WE WON'T LAST LONG.
I'LL DO IT NOW.
*IN GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #148!

YOU WILL BE HELPING TO SAVE MANY LIVES.
I HAVE TO GO, AND QUINON-- DON'T LISTEN IN. YOU WON'T LIKE WHAT I HAVE TO DO.
TALONAR.
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO, DRAX, BUT RAPTOR TECH IS OPERATED WITH DNA LINKS, SO I KNOW YOU'RE BLUFFING.
CRACK
NEVERTHELESS, I HAVE HELP COMING.
YOU LIE.
BOOM
DOOM
THOSE ATMOSPHERIC DISRUPTIONS DON'T LIE.
WE BEAT YOUR ASSES BACK AT NOVA HEADQUARTERS, AND WE'LL WHIP THEM HERE AGAIN!
WE WILL--
UH-OH.
$@#%.

DESTROY OUR ENEMIES!
LET NONE LIVE!
LET THIS TINY WORLD KNOW THAT WARBRINGER OF THE CHITAURI HAS COME FOR THE STONE. I WILL NOT BE DENIED!
I WILL USE THE POWER STONE TO LIBERATE OUR HOMEWORLD FROM THE MAD TITAN!
I WILL NOT BE DENIED!

EXECUTION
QUINON-- IF YOU'RE STILL LISTENING, DO YOU KNOW ANYONE IN ASGARD?
UH-OH.
EXECUTE ON MY COMMAND. THREE... TWO...

HELP IS ON THE WAY.
THEN LET US HOLD THIS GROUND UNTIL WE ARE RELIEVED...
...OR WE ARE DEAD.
INTO THE TRENCH.
"SO UH WE'RE GONNA DIE HERE, RIGHT?"

GO BACK TO EARTH IF YOU WISH TO DIE LOUDLY. REMAIN HERE IF YOU WISH TO DIE QUIETLY AND WITH DIGNITY!
HEY!
I'M ONLY TRYING TO BREAK THE TENSION HERE. NOW, SERIOUSLY--DON'T YOU AGREE WE'RE GONNA NEED SOME HELP FOR THIS?
GUYS, WE'RE NOT GONNA DIE. LET'S GET TO THE SHIP, CALL THE NOVAS FOR HELP, SAVE ROCKET AND, UH--WHAT ELSE?
HEADS UP, GUARDIANS!
I JUST GOT A VERY WEIRD DISTRESS CALL.
ONE OF THE HALF-ALIEN, HALF-ULTRON REFUGEES JUST TOLD ME SHE GOT A PSYCHIC DISTRESS CALL FROM DRAX, AND HE'S BABYSITTING THE POWER STONE?!
POWER STONE?!
IT'S TRUE.
DRAX FOUND THE POWER STONE? WHY WAS I NOT TOLD?
I TRIED TO TELL YOU, AND WAS GONNA TELL YOU ONCE WE CLEANED UP THIS MESS WITH GROOT--
GUYS! START THE SHIP!
PLEASE.
OH, BOY.
ADSIT, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO SEND OTHER REINFORCEMENTS TO DRAX.

...WE HAVE OUR OWN BIG PROBLEM.
THE REIGN OF MEATBAGS IS OVER! SCAR WILL RETURN TELFERINA TO ITS FLORAL GLORY!

"WE'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU WHEN WE CAN!"
GRRAAARRRRGH!
READY, GROOT? HERE WE GO!
I AM GROOT!
HOW ABOUT USING ANT-MAN'S PYM PARTICLES TO SHRINK GRANDPA HERE INTO THE MICROVERSE AND BE DONE WITH HIM?
I'M ALL FOR IT, IF IT WILL KILL HIM.
AH, I SEE I MISSED A SPLINTER FROM MY FLORA COLOSSUS-- THANK YOU FOR RETURNING IT TO ME!
UGHNN.

I WILL TAKE BACK WHAT IS MINE, AND YOU WILL ALL BE FED TO MY CHILDREN.
YOU WANT GROOT? YOU GOT 'IM!
I AM GROOT!
I AM GROOT!
AND I'M ANT-MAN.
RUDD
OOF!
SORRY, DON'T USUALLY DO ELDER ABUSE, BUT I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION IN THIS CASE.
GROOT! STAY BACK, WE'LL HANDLE IT--YOU CAN'T--
I AM GROOT!
YOU DARE SPEAK TO ME WITH SUCH INSOLENCE!
FWACKK
MMPH!

NOW. WHILE HIS HEAD IS BRITTLE.
NICELY DONE. IF THE CONTEMPLATOR CAN BE DECAPITATED--
--THEN SO CAN HIS MAD BROTHER!
AAH!
YEOW!
BEGONE, SWORD WITCH!

SURRENDER!
WHOOSH
YEAAAANNGH!

UNHAND ME, FOOL!
I HELPED MAKE THIS UNIVERSE AND I WILL NOT BE MANHANDLED--
YOU DON'T GET TO DICTATE ANYTHING TO US--
WE'RE THE FLARKIN' GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY! AND NOW I'M GONNA BLAST YOU TO HELL.
HEY--
I AM GROOT!
OUTTA THE WAY, GROOT! YOU'RE BLOCKING MY SHOT.
GET OFF ME!

OOF!
AUGH!
OW!
I AM GROOT!
WHAT'S THAT?
I AM GROOT!
I AM GROOT! I AM GROOT! I AM GROOT! I AM GROOT!
I AM GROOT?
I AM GROOOOOOOOT!!!
WELL, I JUST SAW ALL THE DESTRUCTION OF MY WORK, AND--
I AM GROOT!
YES...YOU ARE ONE OF MY WORKS, TOO, AREN'T YOU?
I NEARLY RUINED YOU, HAVEN'T I?

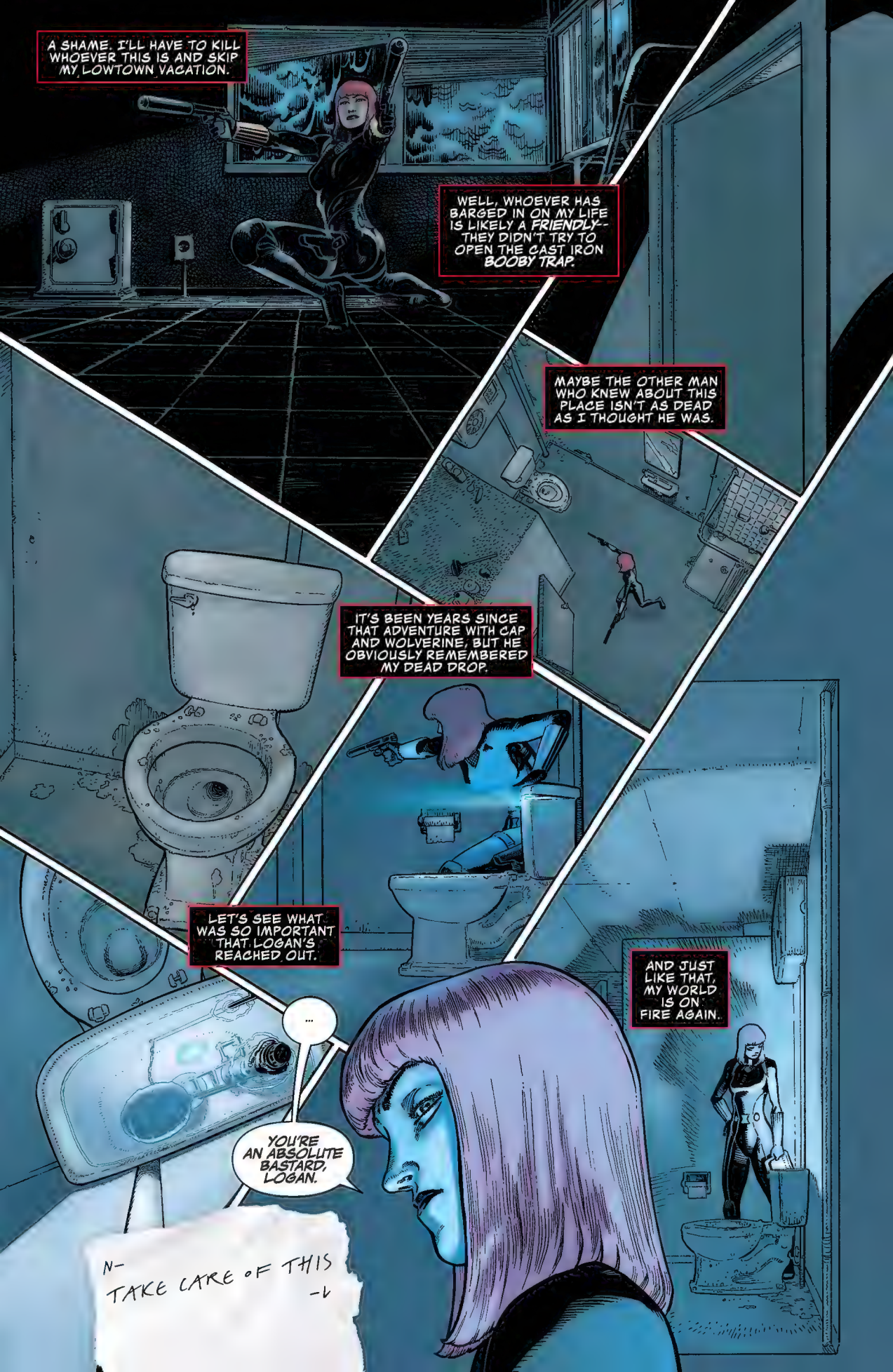
I AM GROOT!
WHA-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I AM GROOT!
TRYING TO HEAL ME?
HEAL ME OF WHAT?!
AHH.
I REMEMBER NOW.
LOKI POISONED ME!

FORGIVE ME, OLD FRIEND.
I HAVE NOT BEEN MYSELF.
YOU CLEANSED THE POISON FROM MY VEINS, WHEN I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HEALING YOU.
AND NOW, IF IT'S NOT TOO LATE...
GROW STRONG, LIKE YOU ONCE WERE...
...AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR TALE.

GROOT FORGIVES THE GARDENER.
BUT GROOT WILL NEVER ALLOW THE PERVERSION OF HIS LIMBS TO WREAK UNINTENDED HAVOC UPON THIS--OR ANY OTHER-- WORLD!

NOW GROOT GOES TO BATTLE!
WHAT THE FLARK?!
GROOT HAILS HIS FRIENDS!
JOIN GROOT AS HE SMITES HIS ENEMIES!
UH. HAS HE EVER--
NO.
GROOT HATES THIS GIANT ABOMINATION!
GROOT WILL DESTROY IT WITH HIS FRIENDS!
HA HA HA HA!
DID-- WHAT DID GARDENER DO TO GROOT?!
HE RESTORED HIS FACTORY SETTINGS.
DIE, GROOT!
I'M BACK IN ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACES ON EARTH...

...LOWTOWN IN MADRIPOOR. IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO HIDE.
AND I NEED TO STAY HIDDEN. THE WORLD THINKS THE BLACK WIDOW IS DEAD.
I SPENT A FEW WEEKS TRAVELING BY FREIGHTER TO ARRIVE HERE OFF THE GRID, BUT IT'S ALL FOR NOTHING.
SOMEONE KNOWS I'M HERE.
A SIGNAL TO CHECK MY DEAD DROP.
ONLY TWO MEN KNOW ABOUT THIS SAFE HOUSE.
ONE IS DEAD.
THE OTHER IS CAPTAIN AMERICA. AND HE'S A LITTLE BUSY ON HIS APOLOGY TOUR RIGHT NOW TO TURN UP IN MADRIPOOR.


A SHAME. I'LL HAVE TO KILL WHOEVER THIS IS AND SKIP MY LOWTOWN VACATION.
WELL, WHOEVER HAS BARGED IN ON MY LIFE IS LIKELY A FRIENDLY-- THEY DIDN'T TRY TO OPEN THE CAST IRON BOOBY TRAP.
MAYBE THE OTHER MAN WHO KNEW ABOUT THIS PLACE ISN'T AS DEAD AS I THOUGHT HE WAS.
IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE THAT ADVENTURE WITH CAP AND WOLVERINE, BUT HE OBVIOUSLY REMEMBERED MY DEAD DROP.
LET'S SEE WHAT WAS SO IMPORTANT THAT LOGAN'S REACHED OUT.
AND JUST LIKE THAT, MY WORLD IS ON FIRE AGAIN.
...
YOU'RE AN ABSOLUTE BASTARD, LOGAN.
N-
TAKE CARE OF THIS
-L

NICK DERINGTON

INFINITY COUNTDOWN 1 VARIANT

INFINITY COUNTDOWN 2

NOT LONG AGO...
I KNOW YOU'RE STALLING.
BOOM
UNTRUE!
BRASHK
FINISH MY WORK, DWARF. OR I WILL BLEED YOU OUT AND FIND A NEW SMITH.
Y-YES, MASTER.

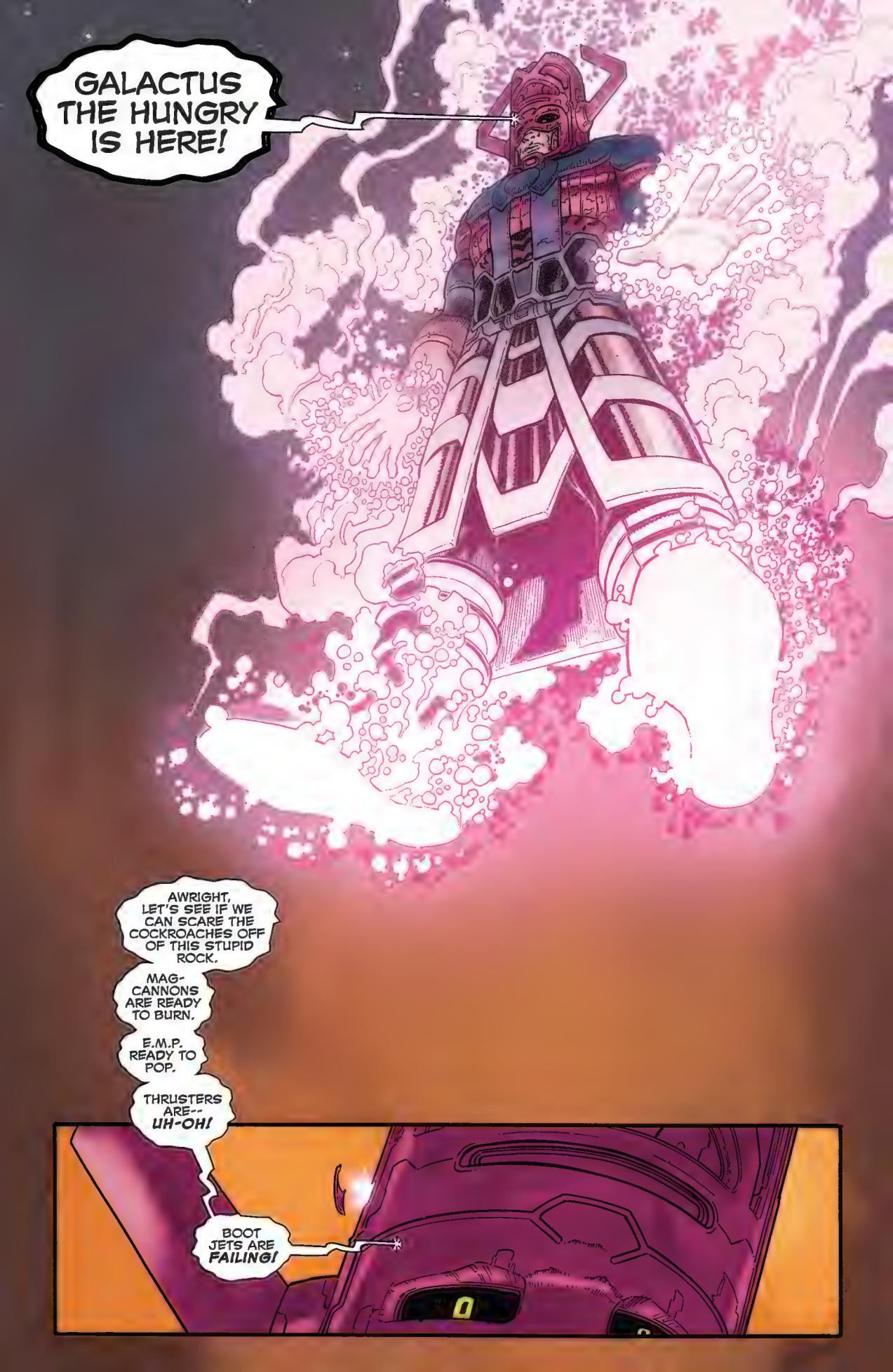
TELFERINA.
SCAR WILL KILL YOU, THEN RAZE THIS WORLD!
GROOT SHALL DESTROY YOU!
NICE OF THE GARDENER TO RESTORE GROOT, BUT IT'S KIND OF JERKY TO SIT OUT THE BIG MONSTER FIGHT.
GROOT! WAIT FOR US.
GROOT IS NOT AFRAID!
GROOT WILL SEE YOU IN HELL, SCAR!
MMM?

BUURPE
OH NO!
DO THESE FLOWERS LOOK POISONOUS?
MAYBE-- MAYBE THE GARDENER DID HELP US. COULD BE THESE--
GRAARGH!
GROOT IS VICTORIOUS-- JUST AS GROOT FORETOLD!
COULD TODAY GET ANY WEIRDER?
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!

C'MON, GUYS! WE GOTTA LEAVE! DRAX NEEDS HELP PROTECTING THE POWER STONE!
NOVA, GET A FORCE SHIELD AROUND THE GUARDIANS AND LET'S GO!
GROOT WILL DESTROY WHAT DRAX WILL NOT!
YOU LIED TO ME, STAR-LORD. YOU KNEW THE LOCATION OF AN INFINITY STONE THE WHOLE TIME.
NO, I DIDN'T. I JUST DIDN'T TELL YOU THE WHOLE TRUTH.
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE SOUL GEM, AND BESIDES--THE POWER STONE CAN'T BE MOVED.
IT'S BIGGER THAN DRAX'S HEAD.
YOU STILL SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME IT WAS FOUND!
HOW ABOUT YOU TWO KILL EACH OTHER IF WE SURVIVE THIS? DROP ME OFF AT MY SHOP ON THE WAY--THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED...

XITAUNG.
"...I'M BRINGIN' A SURPRISE TO THE PARTY."
YOU WILL CLAIM THE POWER STONE OVER MY DEAD BODY!

AEEEEII!
WOMP
YNNGH!
EVE!
ARE YOU HURT?
NO...
I'VE BEEN IN LABOR FOR THE PAST FEW HOURS.
MY BABY GIRL IS COMING.
TELL HER NO!
BE STRONG, EVE BAKIAN!
FINALLY. DEATH IS HERE FOR US ALL.
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ON ABOUT, WORM?
LOOK UP, DRAX.


GALACTUS THE HUNGRY IS HERE!
AWRIGHT, LET'S SEE IF WE CAN SCARE THE COCKROACHES OFF OF THIS STUPID ROCK.
MAG-CANNONS ARE READY TO BURN.
E.M.P. READY TO POP.
THRUSTERS ARE-- UH-OH!
BOOT JETS ARE FAILING!

OOF!
AW, CRAP!
YEAAAOW!
WHOA WHOA WHOA!

BOOM
KRASH
AH-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH!
GET BODIED, YA UGLY FLARKIN' MONSTERS!
BRAKKA BRAKKA
I GAVE THEM THE CHANCE TO YIELD.
NOW I WILL GIVE THEM THE CHANCE TO DIE.
NO PRISONERS!

AND YOU IDIOTS THINK YOU CAN SNEAK UP ON WARBRINGER, PRODIGAL SON OF THE CHITAURI EMPIRE, IN A SPACESHIP?!
YOU'VE COME HERE TO DIE!
SKRAKDOOM
AAARGH!

YOU CAN LET GO OF ME.
NOT SURE THAT'S A GREAT IDEA AT THE MOMENT.
I WASN'T SPEAKING TO YOU, RICHARD.
YOU ALL TOLD ME.
YOU TOLD ME TO MY FACE--
I WAS COMING TO SPACE TO DIE.
NO! WE DO NOT DIE TODAY!
IF YOU CAN GET ME TO THE INFINITY STONE ALIVE, I THINK I CAN MAKE IT SLIGHTLY MORE PORTABLE.
GAMORA, FIND QUILL AND GROOT AND WE'LL RALLY AT THE POWER STONE.

BUT DON'T WAIT FOR ME-- I HAVE SCORES TO SETTLE.
AAARGH!
YIELD, WARBRINGER!
BOOM
MURDERER!
I'M SICK OF YOU NOVAS, ALWAYS STICKING YOUR NOSE WHERE--
FWABAM
AAARGH!
BOOM
LET ME GUESS, YOU'RE THE TALON THAT ALMOST KILLED THE GUARDIANS?

WAIT, IS YOUR NAME RICHARD RIDER?
OH, MAN-- YOU'RE NOT, LIKE, ANOTHER ME, ARE YOU?
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR--
WAIT!
NO WAY.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.
ROBBIE.
I ESCAPED THE CANCERVERSE-- AND SINCE I GOT BACK I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.
WHAT THE HELL IS MY BROTHER DOING WITH THE RAPTORS?!
WHERE THE HELL WERE THE NOVAS WHEN I NEEDED THEM?
THE NOVA FORCE TURNED OFF, AND THEY LEFT ME FOR DEAD.
ALLOW ME TO REMEDY THAT.

DIE!!!

BWAH!
THIS IS COMMANDER ADSIT AT THE STONE. WE NEED MEDI-VAC NOW AT MY LOCATION!
ZARK
ZARK
AH!
I'M GLAD YOU BOTH SURVIVED.
GROOT IS HAPPY TO SEE DRAX AND ADSIT.
GROOT HAS KILLED MANY SOULS SINCE WE LAST MET.
GROOT, THAT'S UNSEEMLY.
LANG? TIME TO EARN YOUR KEEP.
I GOT THIS, GUYS!
HI, GROOT.
HE'S NEW AGAIN.
ALL RIGHT, YOU STUPID ROCK--MEET THE LEGACY OF HANK PYM!
FATE PUT ME HERE TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING ASTONISHING!

IS IT SHRINKING? I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING.
UGHN! DON'T EMBARRASS ME, SCIENCE!
I DON'T GET IT. THAT *SHOULD* HAVE WORKED.

HUH-- LEMME TRY AGAIN!
THAT'S IT!
UNLESS SOMEBODY ELSE CAN MOVE THAT ROCK--
--IT'S TIME TO WITHDRAW!
HA-HA! THEIR FACES ARE NO MATCH FOR MY WOOD!
SORRY, I KNOW I SAID BABYSITTING THE POWER STONE WOULD BE AN EASY GIG.
AT LEAST MATTERS CANNOT GET WORSE.
WAAAAAAAAAGH!

IT'S A GIRL.
YOU WERE SAYING?
MY PARENTS WERE MURDERED NOT LONG AFTER I WAS BORN.
I BARELY SURVIVED THE SLAUGHTER.
I SOMETIMES THINK ABOUT MY BIOLOGICAL PARENTS. I'M SURE THEY FOUGHT AND THEN DIED TRYING TO KEEP ME SAFE...

...BUT PERHAPS THEY WOULD NOT HAVE—IF THEY KNEW THE FATE THAT AWAITED ME.
IF WE FALL, YOU MUST NOT LET YOUR BABY GIRL BE CAPTURED ALIVE.
I DON'T PLAN ON DYING TODAY.
NO ONE EVER THINKS THEY WILL.
SWAK
AEIII!

THE UNIVERSE ENDS IN A WAR FOUGHT FOR THE INFINITY STONES.

DEATH IS COMING FOR US ALL.
BRAVE SOULS WILL FACE THE DANGER VALIANTLY.
THEY WILL PICK HILLS TO DIE ON TOGETHER...
...BUT IN THE END, DEATH WILL NOT BE DENIED.

AND I, ADAM WARLOCK, MAY BE ABLE TO STOP IT.
IT'S BEEN SEVERAL MILLENNIA SINCE I LAST WALKED THE EARTH.
KANG HID ME AWAY FROM OUR ENEMY AND IS HELPING ME RECOVER THE SOUL GEM IN RETURN FOR DELIVERING THE TIME STONE TO HIM.
NOW I MUST STRIKE. HE WARNED ME THAT MY "DARK REFLECTION" AWAITS.

THAT CAN ONLY MEAN MY DOPPELGANGER, MAGUS.
KANG POINTED ME TO THE PLANET SAIPH IN ORION'S BELT.
KANG WANTS THE TIME STONE TO DEFEND HIS DOMINANCE OVER THE TIMELINE, BUT I CANNOT ESCAPE THE FEELING THAT I'VE MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL.
ANY BARGAIN WILL BE WORTH RECOVERING THE SOUL GEM FROM--

--ULTRON?!

EITHER KANG MISLED ME, OR THE STORY THAT HE SAW HAS CHANGED.

I'M TOO LATE!

THIS ENTIRE PLANET HAS ALREADY BEEN CONQUERED.

WHERE IS ULTRON PRIME?

ULTRON

IS

ALL!

NOW YOU WILL BE REMADE IN THEIR IMAGE!

NO.

SWIKK

I'LL ASK ONE MORE TIME. WHERE IS HE?

WE'RE ANNOUNCING YOU NOW. HE'S WITH ANOTHER GUEST AT THE MOMENT.

WE
WILL
PREPARE YOU TO MEET HIM!
UNHAND ME!
AARGH!

NOW THEN...

...WHERE IS ULTRON PRIME?

HE AWAITS YOU ON THE WEST COAST OF THIS CONTINENT IN OUR CAPITAL CITY.

JUST FOLLOW THE LIGHTS! HA-HA-HA!

SKRUNNCH

THANK YOU.

KANG SAID MY DARK REFLECTION AWAITED ME HERE.

AND TRULY, ULTRON IS ANOTHER SON OF MAN, BUT ONE SO CONSUMED BY HATE.

AN ENTIRE PLANET--REMADE IN HIS WICKED IMAGE.

THESE ROCKETS--MEANT TO CONVEY HIS DISEASE THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS.

I WOULD SUMMON THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY TO HELP ME DEAL WITH THIS CALAMITY--BUT THERE ISN'T ENOUGH TIME.

SHOW YOURSELF, ULTRON! YOU MUST ANSWER FOR THIS HEINOUS GENOCIDE!

IN HERE, WARLOCK!

:GASP:

NO!!!

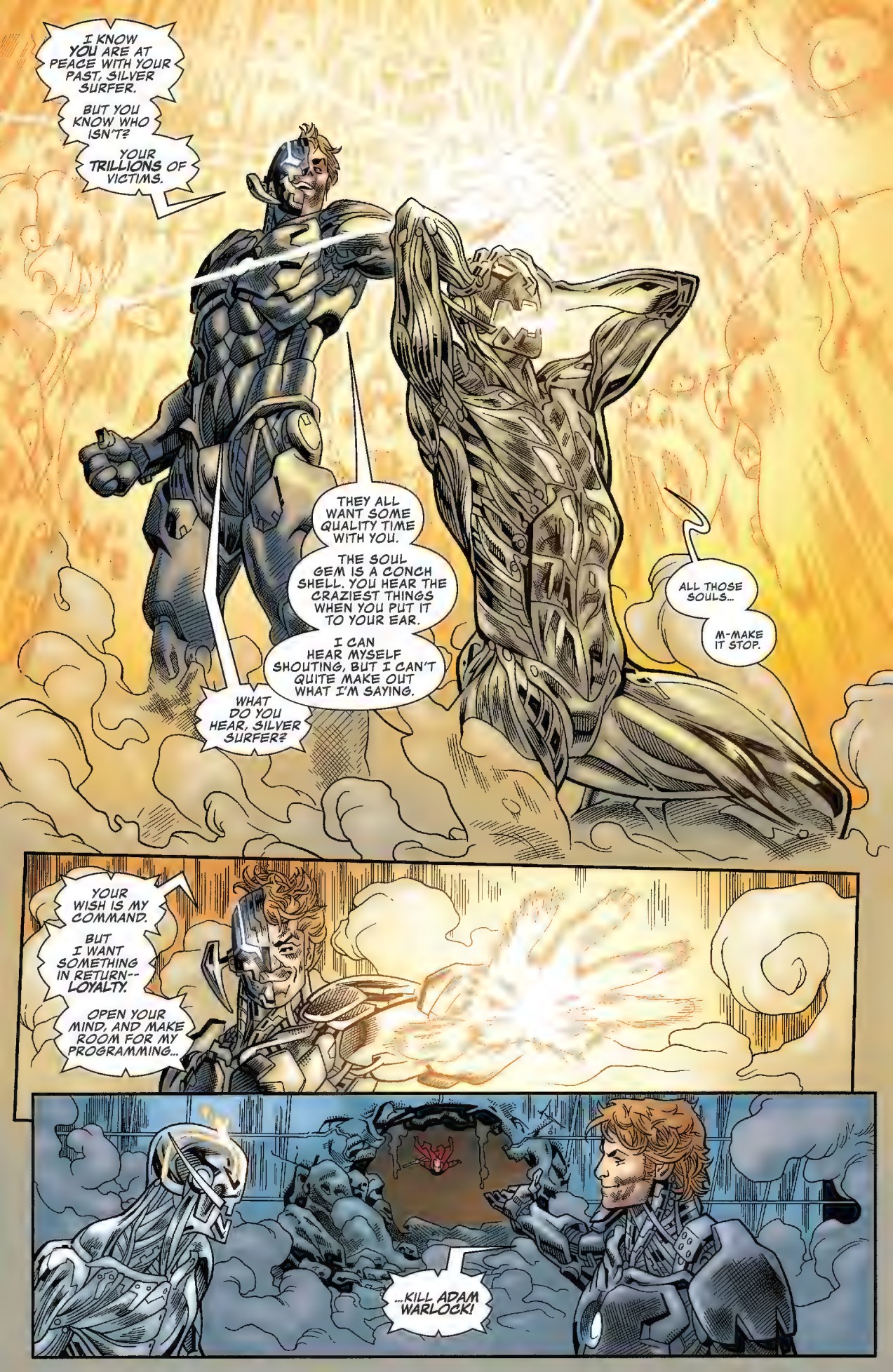
HELLO, ADAM WARLOCK!
OUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE SILVER SURFER IS RUNNING A LITTLE LONG--
--BUT STICK AROUND, WE'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU.
HA-HA-HA! HA-HA-HA!

INFINITY COUNTDOWN 3

NOT LONG AGO...
I HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS, BUT--
BUT YOU ARE NOT DONE YET.
PLEASE. LET ME RETURN HOME. IF I CAN JUST SEE MY FAMILY AGAIN, I PROMISE I WILL FINISH YOUR WORK, BUT I AM EXHAUSTED AND I'M HUNGRY AND THIRSTY.
EAT. DRINK. REST FOR A SHORT TIME.
BUT ABANDON ALL HOPE OF LEAVING HERE IF YOU DO NOT FINISH YOUR WORK SOON.

NOW, SURFER. IN YOUR FIRST ACT AS MY NEW HERALD-- I'D LIKE YOU TO SHOW OUR GUEST ADAM WARLOCK OFF THIS PLANET.
AAAAARRRGH!
FREE HIM, ULTRON!
AND GIVE ME THE SOUL GEM!
KRAK
AAARGH!

DROP THE STONE!
FINDERS KEEPERS, LOSERS WEEPERS.
AT LEAST YOU'RE PUTTING UP A FIGHT. MAGUS JUST ROLLED OVER AND SHOWED ME HIS SOFT BELLY. HE DIED BADLY.
AND NOW THE SOUL GEM IS MINE.
I MISS YOUR FEATHERED HAIR AND EYELINER, BY THE WAY.
SPEAKING OF--CAN WE USE THIS ROCK TO BRING BACK DAVID BOWIE?
IT'S NOT A TOY-- ARRGH!
KA-BOOM
UGHN!


I KNOW YOU ARE AT PEACE WITH YOUR PAST, SILVER SURFER.
BUT YOU KNOW WHO ISN'T?
YOUR TRILLIONS OF VICTIMS.
THEY ALL WANT SOME QUALITY TIME WITH YOU.
THE SOUL GEM IS A CONCH SHELL. YOU HEAR THE CRAZIEST THINGS WHEN YOU PUT IT TO YOUR EAR.
I CAN HEAR MYSELF SHOUTING, BUT I CAN'T QUITE MAKE OUT WHAT I'M SAYING.
WHAT DO YOU HEAR, SILVER SURFER?
ALL THOSE SOULS...
M-MAKE IT STOP.
YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND.
BUT I WANT SOMETHING IN RETURN-- LOYALTY.
OPEN YOUR MIND, AND MAKE ROOM FOR MY PROGRAMMING...
...KILL ADAM WARLOCK!

I CAN'T RESIST, WARLOCK! FLEE!
BOOM
GAH!
UGHN!
THIS IS NOT WHAT WE AGREED TO. PERHAPS I SHOULD LET YOU HEAR FROM SOME MORE OF THE TRILLIONS OF PEOPLE YOU MURDERED?
SO MANY DEAD-- CRYING FOR JUSTICE...
BOOM
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO THIS WORLD IS OBSCENE, AND YOU'RE CORRUPTING SOUL WORLD!
SUCH A SMALL MIND. SO HUMAN.
YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT THIS SINGLE BACKWATER PLANET WHILE I SNATCH THE ENTIRE GALAXY FROM YOU.

THE ROCKETS THAT ARE FUELING UP WILL BE TAKING MY CHILDREN TO THE STARS TO SPREAD MY GOOD WORD.
ULTRON WILL BE THE ONLY GOD LEFT STANDING!
NEVER!
BADOOM
AARGH!
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE TO STOP US, WARLOCK!

KI-KILL ME.
THESE MADMEN MUST NOT POSSESS THE POWER COSMIC!
HA-HA! HANG ON, NORRIN.
1011010101 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF FUN TOGETHER.
NO, YOU'RE NOT, ULTRON.
NORRIN RADD--REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE. YOU ARE ONE OF THE MOST NOBLE BEINGS IN THE ENTIRE GALAXY. YOU CARRY THE WEIGHT OF YOUR PAST WITH DIGNITY.
BE HEALED.

YEESH. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO POOR SURFER?
YEAH, ADAM. YOU'RE SORT OF STEALING OUR BIT.
I SLUMBERED FOR OVER THREE THOUSAND YEARS...
...MY MOST VIVID DREAM FROM THAT LONG NIGHT WAS OF GIFTING MY REGENERATIVE COCOON TO ANOTHER SOUL.
I WILL NOT BE SO GENEROUS WITH YOU!
YEAAARRGH!
BY THE TIME SURFER IS REBORN--YOU'LL ALREADY BE DEAD!
NNGH!
IDIOT. SURFER WASN'T DEAD.

I...AM WHOLE.

WELCOME BACK.

A PSYCHOTIC MACHINE WEARING THE HIDE OF ITS CREATOR IS NO MATCH FOR US BOTH.

NOW, ULTRON, WE WILL END YOU, AND I WILL CLAIM THE STONE FROM YOUR COLD, DEAD, DISGUSTING METAL HAND.

SURFER!

AH-HA-HA-HA!

SURFER! COME BACK! I CAN'T STOP ULTRON ALONE!

AH-HA-HA-HA! POOR SURFER. APPARENTLY HIS MIND ISN'T MADE OF THE STERN STUFF THAT HIS BODY IS.

LAST CHANCE. JOIN ME--OR DIE.

I WILL KILL YOU-- AND THIS ENTIRE PLANET IF NEED BE.

HA-HA-HA-HA!
IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP US!
WE WILL TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE GALAXY, PLANET BY PLANET, AND WE'LL SAVE EARTH--FOR LAST!
"DO YOU GUYS SMELL THAT?"

GROOT IS DISGUSTED BY THE SMELL OF THE MESS ONE OF YOU MADE IN YOUR PUNY SHELLS!
GIVE THE RAPTORS A BREAK, GROOT. THEY'RE GETTING PUNCHED TO DEATH BY A GIANT TREE-- IF THEY WANT TO FILL THEIR PANTS WITH CRAP, LET 'EM.
YEAH, I KNOW IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU WERE CLOBBERING PEOPLE LIKE THIS, BUT USUALLY THESE HUMANOIDS "DUMP THEIR GARBAGE" ON THE WAY OUT OF THIS LIFE.
CAN WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE?

GROOT HATES THE CHITAURI, TOO!
THEY WILL FEEL THE WRATH OF MY LIMBS!
WHO WILL STEP TO GROOT?
I WILL.
BONK
GROOT, YOU MAY BE THE ONLY ONE OF US THAT IS AS STRONG AS WARBRINGER.
BAZK
THIS BATTLE WILL RAGE UNTIL HE IS DEAD. YOU MAY HAVE TO KILL HIM.
SHE'S ON ME! CHECK YOUR--
--FIRE
SHH.
SWWWWWICCKSSK

WARBRINGER, THE LAST FREE SON OF THE CHITAURI ELDERS, INVITES YOU TO LISTEN TO HIS WISE WORDS.
HE IS STRONG NOT JUST IN BODY, BUT ALSO IN MIND AND SPIRIT. HE IS--
YEAAA!
ALL WHO WISH TO SURVIVE THE WAR SHOULD TURN WITH THEIR TAILS TUCKED AND FLEE!
I WILL GIVE YOU SAFE CONDUCT TO LEAVE.
ANYONE ELSE ON THIS PLANETOID WILL BE GROUND TO DUST!
I CLAIM THE INFINITY STONE IN THE NAME OF THE FREE CHITAURI, WHO WILL USE IT TO DESTROY THANOS AND FREE MY ENSLAVED WORLD.

WE'RE NOT GIVING UP THAT EASILY, CHITAURI SCUM!
CHILL TO ABSOLUTE ZERO, EARTHLING! SOME OF US DON'T WANT TO DIE FOR A ROCK.
ANT-MAN!
WHAT?!
YOU'RE REALLY EXPOSED RIGHT NOW.
KRAKOOM
WE TOLD HIM THIS WOULD HAPPEN!

AUGHN!
MAYDAY! MAYDAY!
CLONK
BZZT
UGHN!
LAST TRANSPORT IS INBOUND.
NOBODY ASKED ME, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD NUKE THE POWER STONE FROM ORBIT!

LAST RIDE OFF THIS ROCK IS COMING IN HOT!
ADSIT-- THERE MUST BE NO RETREAT!
WE LOST!
DYING ON THIS ROCK IS THE WORST POSSIBLE OUTCOME!
LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE AND TAKE THE WINNER.
ADSIT'S RIGHT, GAMORA. WE JUST GOT DONE SAVING THE NOVA CORPS, THERE'S NO POINT IN GETTING THEM ALL KILLED HERE.
COVER THE NOVAS!
YOUR RIDE IS LEAVING, NOVA BAKIAN.
I'M SAFER OUTSIDE THAT SHUTTLE. WE'LL MAKE OUR OWN WAY OUT OF HERE.
I'M SORRY, MY FORCE SHIELD ISN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH FOR YOU ALL.
THANK YOU, GUARDIANS...

"...THE NOVA CORPS WILL REMEMBER YOU AS OUR BROTHERS."
ROBBIE!
ROBBIE, ARE YOU OKAY?!
CAN YOU MOVE?!
MY BACK...IT'S BAD.
I NEVER STOPPED LOOKING FOR YOU.
I KNOW.
LISTEN TO ME, RICH. WARBRINGER MUSTN'T CONTROL THE POWER STONE.
THAT STONE... IT'S DIFFERENT. BECAUSE SOMEHOW THE UNIVERSE IS DIFFERENT.

DUDE. YOU GOT PUNCHED REALLY HARD.
HANG ON, ROBBIE. I'LL GET YOU HELP.
LIKE...THE FRAME RATE DROP AT THE BOUNDARY OF A SIMULATION.
I KNOW I SOUND CRAZY, BUT I THINK THERE'S EVIDENCE AROUND THE EDGES OF OUR PERCEPTION.
I WAS PUT INTO A SIMULATION BY THE RAPTORS, AND I THOUGHT I WAS GOING INSANE, BUT I CAME TO REALIZE THAT I WAS JUST EXPERIENCING A SIMULATION WITHIN ANOTHER SIMULATION.
HEY! STAY BACK! HE'S LEAVING HERE WITH ME!
RICH! I HAVE A FAMILY. I WANT TO SEE THEM AGAIN. LET ME GO.
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW BIG THE POWER STONE IS...IT'S MIND OVER MATTER.
WAIT-- WHAT?
HEH. I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN, BROTHER.
REMEMBER-- IT'S MIND OVER MATTER.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- THE POWER STONE IS JUST A SIMULATION?
NOT JUST THE STONE, RICH. EVERYTHING IS A SIMULATION.
"WHAT'S NOT TO UNDERSTAND?"

WE'RE ABOUT TO DIE, AND I'M OUTTA AMMO.
AEEIIGH!
HOW FLARKIN' EMBARRASSIN'.
I WISH I'D PLAYED MORE...
WHEN I DIE IN THIS WORLD, WHAT BECOMES OF THE PIECE OF ME TRAPPED IN THE STONE?
WILL I EVER BE MADE WHOLE?
WELL, AT LEAST THAT WILL BE A PROBLEM FOR THE OTHER YOU TO FIX.
YOU KNOW, DRAX. THE BRAVEST WARRIORS BACK ON EARTH WENT INTO BATTLE WITHOUT WEAPONS.
THEY WOULD CARRY FLAGS--OR PLAY INSTRUMENTS.
C'MON, DRAX, LET'S HEAR IT ONCE BEFORE WE DIE.
I HOPE I SEE YOU ALL IN THE NEXT WORLD.

DIE! DIE! DIE!
CRUSH THE REMAINING RESISTANCE AND--
WHA--
THE GUARDIANS HAVE THEIR OWN HORN OF DOOM!
AND IT SOUNDS MUCH BETTER THAN OURS!

I JUST HAD THE CRAZIEST EXPERIENCE OF MY ENTIRE LIFE.
SORRY I MISSED IT, AND NOT TO ONE-UP YOU, BUT I WAS JUST ENJOYING DRAX PLAYING THE SAX FOR THE MONSTERS THAT'RE ABOUT TO MURDER US.
I WAS WITH MY BROTHER. HE ALWAYS HAD A BIG BRAIN.
HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING-- THIS WAR, THIS PLANETOID, THE WAY THE STONE IS HUGE-- THAT THIS IS ALL A SIMULATION.
SO THE POWER STONE IS JUST WHAT, A GLITCH?
THAT'S CRAZY, RIGHT?
MIND OVER MATTER.

MY MIND HAS POWER... OVER THE STONE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WORKED.

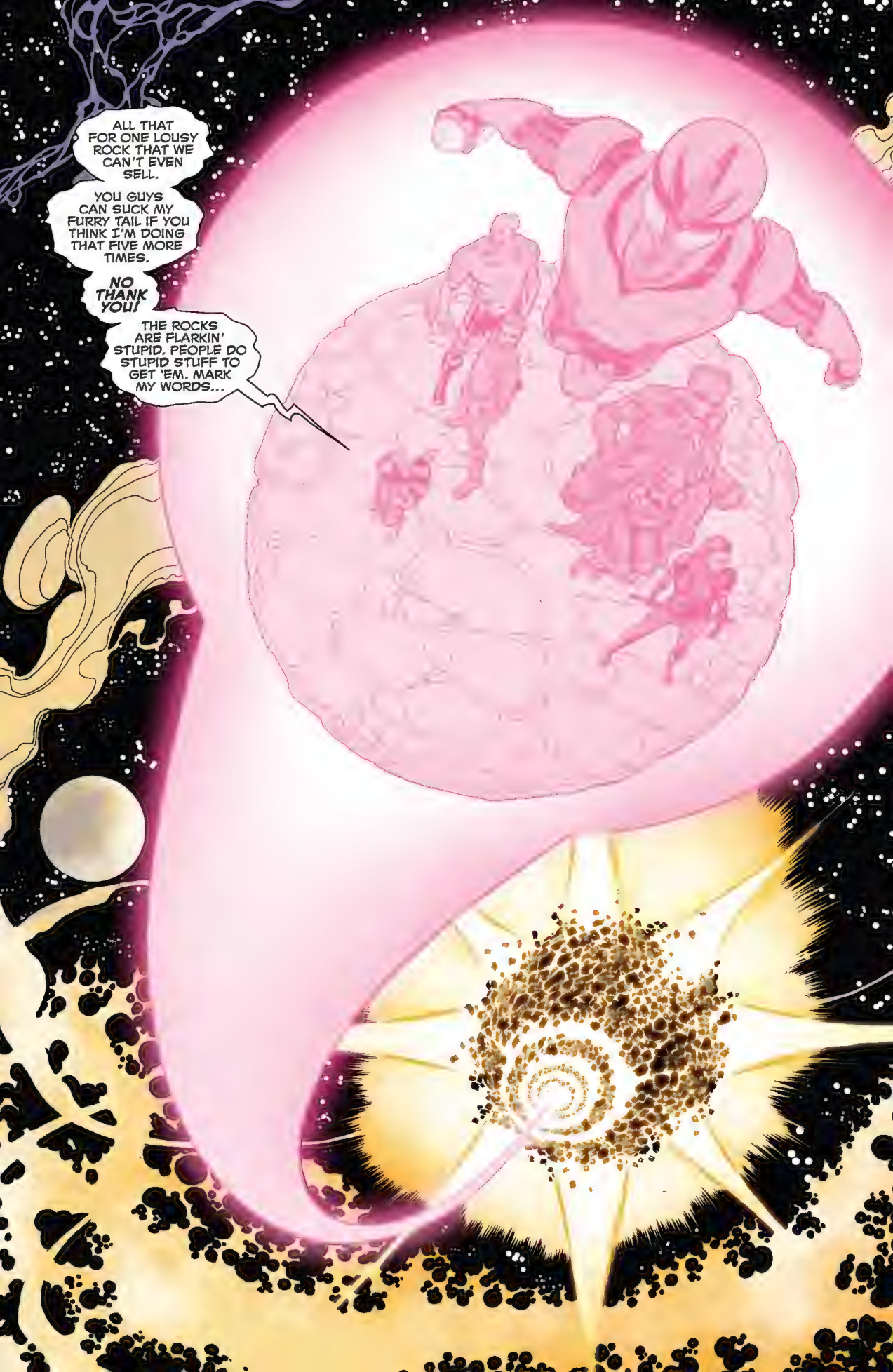
GIVE ME MY STONE!
KRAKOOM
MY WHOLE BODY TINGLES.
BAOBAB
BOOM

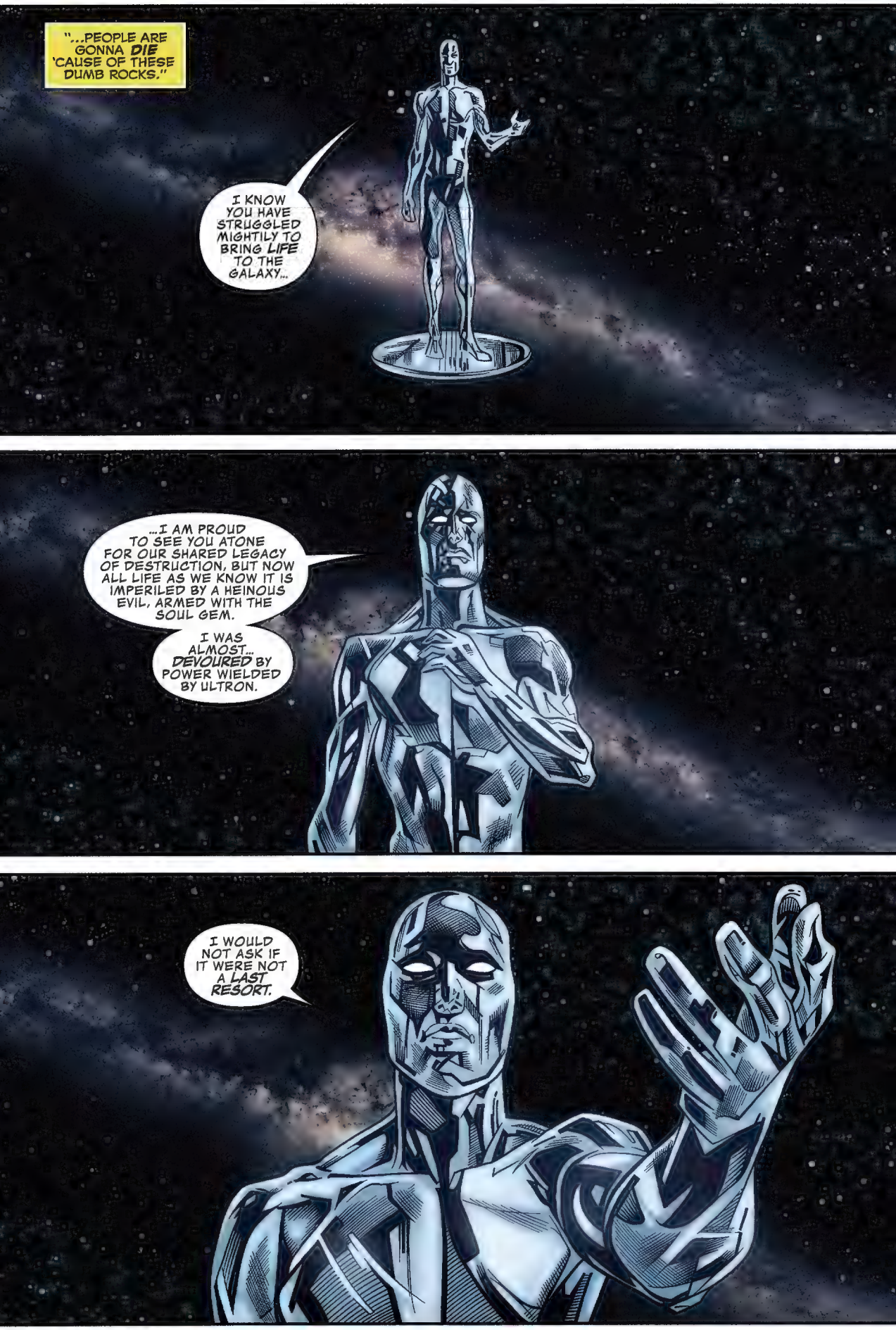
HEY, BIG GUY!
CATCH!
PLAY US OFF, BUDDY.
MY PLEASURE.
HEH.

YAARRGH!

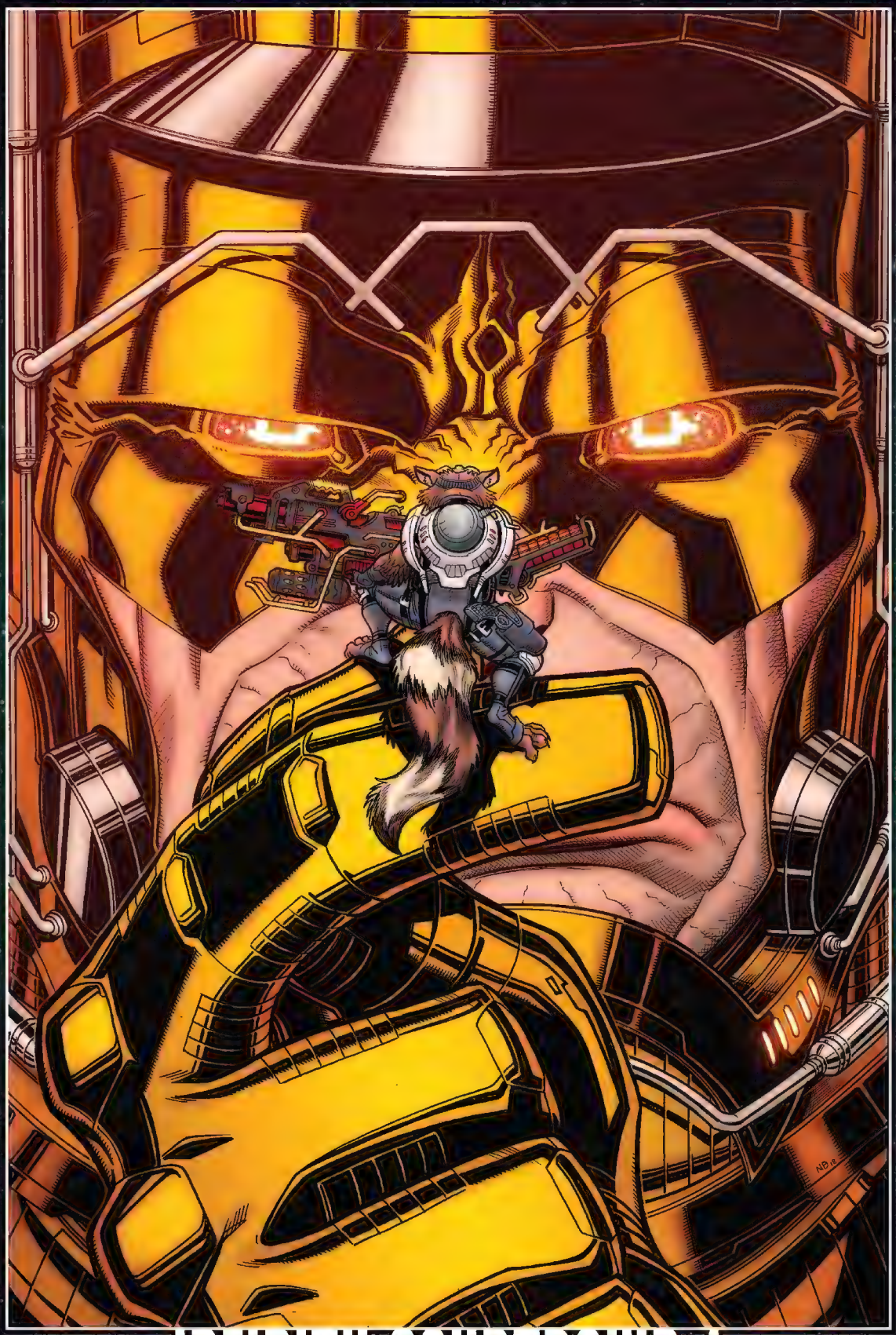
SKRAKADOOM
GUARDIANS! NOVAS! RALLY ON ME!
WE'RE GETTING OFF THIS DUMP.
"THE POWER STONE WAS ANCHORING THIS PLANETOID"

WITHOUT IT, WE'RE PLUNGING INTO THE STAR. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS ONE.
GET A FORCE FIELD UP AND--
EVEN THE NOVA FORCE ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH.
THEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO WIELD ULTIMATE POWER, RICHARD.
SAVE US ALL.
OH, BOY.
I CAN DO THIS.
LET'S GO HOME.


ALL THAT FOR ONE LOUSY ROCK THAT WE CAN'T EVEN SELL.
YOU GUYS CAN SUCK MY FURRY TAIL IF YOU THINK I'M DOING THAT FIVE MORE TIMES.
NO THANK YOU!
THE ROCKS ARE FLARKIN' STUPID. PEOPLE DO STUPID STUFF TO GET 'EM. MARK MY WORDS...


"...PEOPLE ARE GONNA DIE 'CAUSE OF THESE DUMB ROCKS."
I KNOW YOU HAVE STRUGGLED MIGHTILY TO BRING LIFE TO THE GALAXY...
...I AM PROUD TO SEE YOU ATONE FOR OUR SHARED LEGACY OF DESTRUCTION, BUT NOW ALL LIFE AS WE KNOW IT IS IMPERILED BY A HEINOUS EVIL, ARMED WITH THE SOUL GEM.
I WAS ALMOST... DEVOURED BY POWER WIELDED BY ULTRON.
I WOULD NOT ASK IF IT WERE NOT A LAST RESORT.

WHAT SAY YOU, GALACTUS THE LIFEBRINGER?
WILL YOU CONSUME ONE WORLD...TO SAVE THE ENTIRE GALAXY?



INFINITY COUNTDOWN 4

NOT LONG AGO...
MY WORK IS DONE...
...AND SO AM I, EH?
NO ONE EVER DIES, DWARF.
WE ARE BORN, WE DIE AND WE ARE BORN AGAIN.
I'LL SEE YOU IN THE NEXT LIFE.
I SURE AS HELL HOPE NOT.
WHAKK
YEAAARGH!

NO.

I KNOW WHAT I ASK.
IF YOU TRULY DID, THEN YOU WOULD NOT ASK ME TO CONSUME A PLANET FOR ANY REASON.
THE BURDEN WOULD WEIGH ON ME FOR ALL ETERNITY...
...AND THE COST WOULD NOT BE MINE ALONE.
"THIS IS AS FAR AS I CAN AFFORD TO GO.

"WELCOME TO KNOWHERE."

IT'S RICH RIDER AND THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY!
HOW DID YOU SURVIVE?!
WELL, MY BROTHER HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED INTO THE FRATERNITY OF RAPTORS...
...BUT HE GAVE ME A CLUE THAT ALLOWED STAR-LORD TO SHRINK DOWN THE POWER STONE WITH NOTHING MORE THAN A THOUGHT.
TRULY. I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL GOING TO BE CRUSHED UNDER WARBRINGER'S HEEL.
THEN I BLEW WARBRINGER ALMOST TO DEATH WITH MY SAXOPHONE AFTER I REGAINED MY GROOVE.
YOU SEE? MAKING UP LIES AND BEING JERKS-- THIS IS WHY NOBODY LIKES YOU #%@&$%#$.
IT'S A FLARKIN' MIRACLE NOBODY DIED.

GROOT RECALLS SEEING THE ANT-MAN OF EARTH DIE A BRUTAL DEATH.
OHHH, YEAH.
MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL THE AVENGERS?
WAS HE AN AVENGER?
BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS WE'RE OKAY.
I'M GOING BACK OUT TO LOOK FOR MY BROTHER.
YOU MIND IF I BORROW THE POWER STONE UNTIL I FIND HIM AND--

YES, I DO.
I AGREE WITH GAMORA, RICH.
I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO TAKE THE INFINITY STONE BACK INTO ENEMY TERRITORY.
SORRY.
HAD TO ASK.
THE FRATERNITY OF RAPTORS WILL GIVE UP MY BROTHER, OR I'LL SMASH THEM TO BITS AND TAKE HIM.
CATCH.
WE'LL KEEP IT SAFE.
EITHER WAY, ROBBIE'S COMING HOME WITH ME.
GROOT WISHES FRIEND-NOVA LUCK IN SMITING THE @#$@BIRDS THAT HAVE STOLEN YOUR BROTHER.

"AND QUILL FLIES IN FROM THE OUTFIELD TO MAKE THE GRAB!"
GOOD LUCK, RICH.
RICHARD-- WAIT!
WANT TO COME WITH ME?

YES, I DO. BUT LET'S BE PATIENT.
LET'S FIND ALL THE INFINITY STONES, FIRST.
IS THAT-- IS THAT SMART?
YES! LET'S GATHER THE STONES AND TOGETHER WE CAN MARCH ON THE RAPTORS AS THE NEW INFINITY WATCH.
WE'D BE UNSTOPPABLE!
WHAT IF WE COULD EVEN GO BACK AND PREVENT YOUR BROTHER FROM EVER BEING FOUND BY THE RAPTORS?
I DIG THIS PLAN. A LOT.
SO...WHEN YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON THE FULL SET OF STONES, JUST TIME-TRAVEL BACK TO THIS EXACT MOMENT AND WE'LL ALL GO AFTER MY BROTHER TOGETHER, EACH OF US ARMED WITH AN INFINITY STONE.

IT WAS A GOOD IDEA.
I GOTTA GO.
I'LL HAVE THE STONE NOW, PETER.
I THINK WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THAT, GAMORA.
ACTUALLY, YOU CAN HAND IT OVER TO ME...

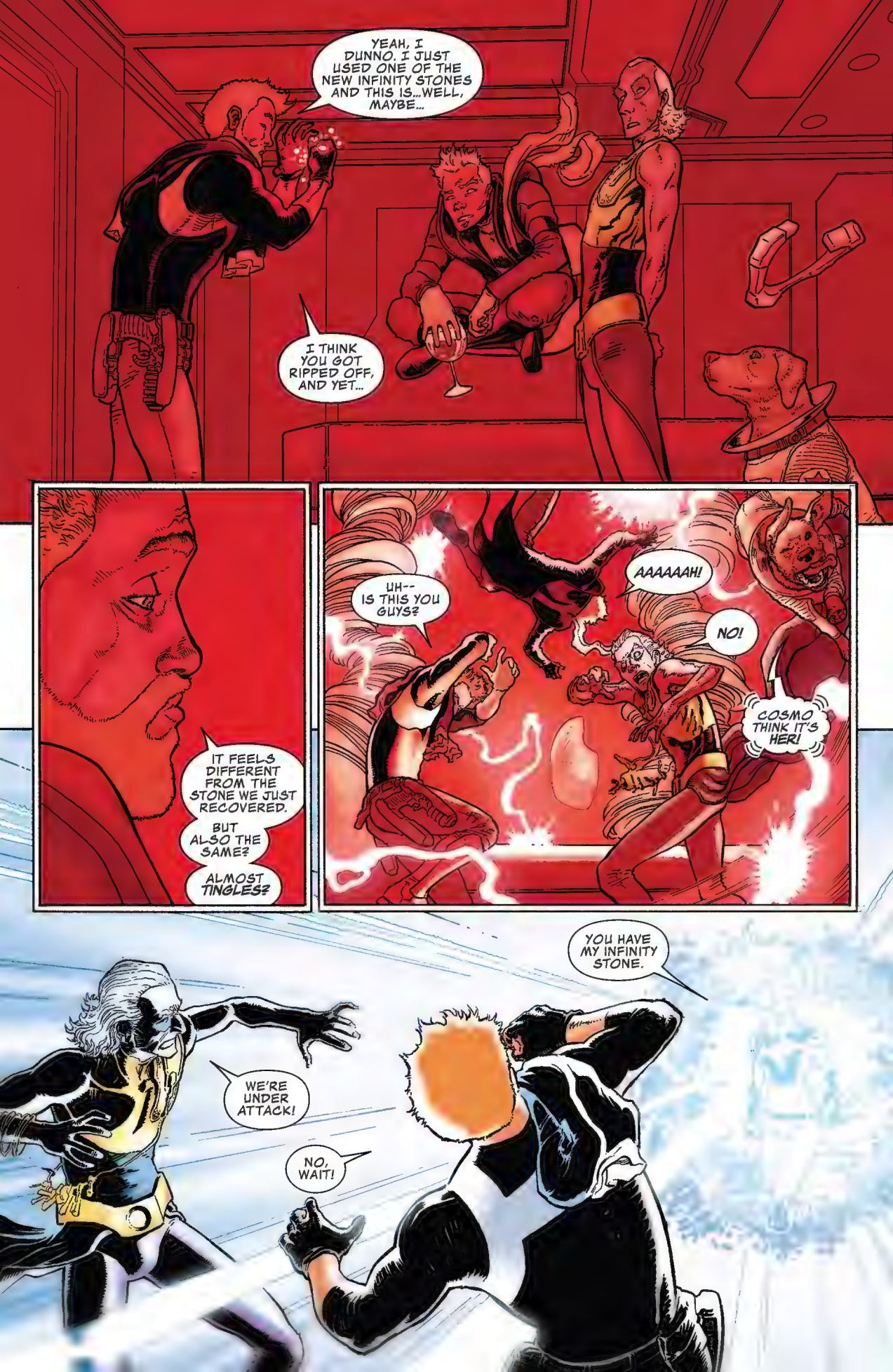
...THAT STONE IS THE PROPERTY OF THE NOVA CORPS.
A LOT OF GOOD NOVAS DIED PROTECTING THAT DUMB ROCK.
MAYBE IT'S FOR THE BEST THAT THE NOVAS TAKE THE STONE.
OF COURSE YOU WOULD THINK SUCH AN ASININE THOUGHT.
IT WAS ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO THAT WE WERE BACK AT NOVA HEADQUARTERS, FIGHTING IN A NOVA CIVIL WAR BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN INFILTRATED BY THEIR ENEMIES.
PRESENT COMPANY EXCLUDED, THE CORPS IS BLOATED WITH PIRATES, SCOUNDRELS AND LOUTS.
THEY CAN HAVE THE POWER STONE OVER MY DEAD BODY.

YOU KNOW, GAMORA, I DON'T EVEN WANT THE STONE, BUT YOU'VE GOT ME WORRIED THAT YER STARTIN' TO SOUND LIKE THANOS.
RETURN THE STONE-- NOW!
GROOT IS DISAPPOINTED THAT AFTER GROOT SAVED THE NOVA CORPS THEY WOULD BE SO INTRACTABLE AND GREEDY.
THAT IS THE GUARDIANS' MODUS OPERANDI.
YOU WERE SAYING?
YEAOW!
ST-STAY BACK!
SKRKKCAR
YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEARN FIRSTHAND WHY THEY CALL ME THE DEADLIEST WOMAN IN THE GALAXY.

I'M SICK OF YELLING!
I'LL TAKE THIS!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WHEREVER I WANT!
I'M DRAX THE DESTROYER!
ANY OF YOU WANT THIS STUPID STONE?
COME TRY TO TAKE IT FROM ME!

PETER QUILL!
HUH?
PETER QUILL!
PETER!
HERE, BOY!
YOU HAVE SOME GUESTS.
COSMO!
COSMO HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITHOUT ANOTHER SCRAP HERE. COSMO WANT PROMISE OF NO FIGHTING.
WHO EVEN KNOWS I'M HERE?
OH, IT'S YOU.

HAIL, PETER QUILL.
IT'S I, THE COLLECTOR! AND YOU REMEMBER MY BROTHER, THE GRANDMASTER, OF COURSE.
THANK YOU FOR FREEING THE GARDENER FROM THE MADNESS THAT GRIPPED HIM.
CCCP
IS THAT AN INFINITY STONE?!
YES. WE PAID HANDSOMELY FOR THIS STUPID ROCK, AND IT DOESN'T DO A DAMN THING.
WHEN LAST WE MET, WE TOLD YOU WE WANTED TO KNOW WHY THINGS ARE DIFFERENT, AND SO WE COME TO YOU NOW TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY INSIGHTS INTO WHY THIS STONE IS... INERT?
GIVE IT HERE.


YEAH, I DUNNO. I JUST USED ONE OF THE NEW INFINITY STONES AND THIS IS...WELL, MAYBE...
I THINK YOU GOT RIPPED OFF, AND YET...
IT FEELS DIFFERENT FROM THE STONE WE JUST RECOVERED.
BUT ALSO THE SAME?
ALMOST TINGLES?
UH-- IS THIS YOU GUYS?
AAAAAAH!
NO!
COSMO THINK IT'S HER!
YOU HAVE MY INFINITY STONE.
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
NO, WAIT!

HAND IT OVER. NOW.
NOT ON YOUR LIFE!
WHOA!
LET'S HEAR HER OUT. YOU'RE PHYLA, RIGHT?
YOU MUST BE WHAT PASSES FOR THE STAR-LORD OF THIS REALITY.
YOU KNOW HOW IT WORKS, THEN. HAND IT OVER.
PRETEND I--UGHN--DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS.
:SIGH:
AFTER THE MULTIVERSE WAS RE-ORDERED, THE REALITY STONE BELONGING TO EACH UNIVERSE WAS HIDDEN IN A NEIGHBORING REALITY.
FOR SAFEKEEPING? TO BE A PAIN? WHO KNOWS?

THAT'S WHY THAT STONE DOESN'T WORK HERE. IT'S NOT FROM HERE.
IT'S MY STONE.
OKAY BY ME.
EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, LOVE?
YES! I HAVE THE STONE.
SCAN THEIR MINDS BEFORE WE LEAVE. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN LEARN WHO REQUIEM IS.
I ALREADY DID.
THEY KNOW NOTHING.
BAM
WELL. I'M GOING TO THE BAR.
I NEVER WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE INFINITY STONES AGAIN.
"THE INFINITY STONES WILL BE OURS!"

WE WILL REWRITE ALL LIFE IN THIS UNIVERSE IN OUR IMAGE!
HA-HA-HA!
LAUNCH ALL THE ROCKETS!
NOTHING CAN STOP US NOW, WARLOCK!
I WILL DIE AGAIN AND AGAIN UNTIL YOU ARE DESTROYED, ULTRON!
IF IT TAKES ME UNTIL THE END OF TIME!
FWAM
BADOOM

NO!
THERE ARE TOO MANY.
ONE ROCKET COULD DESTROY A WORLD... DAMN YOU.
DAMN YOU, ULTRON!
WE WIN!
YOU WERE ALWAYS THE WEAKER SON OF MAN, ADAM WARLOCK.
BOOM

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
I'M NOT.
WHAT?!
HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS?
WARLOCK, RETRIEVE THE SOUL GEM AND KILL ULTRON.
WE WILL HANDLE THIS PLANET AND ITS INFECTED SOULS.
"WE"? WHO'S WE?!
HEH. LOOK UP.
AH-HA-HA!

YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!
I HEARD ALL ABOUT HOW THE GUARDIANS HAVE A GALACTUS MECH.
WHAT KIND OF A RUBE DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?
ARGH!

THAT'S THE REAL GALACTUS?!

NO, NO, NOOOO!!!

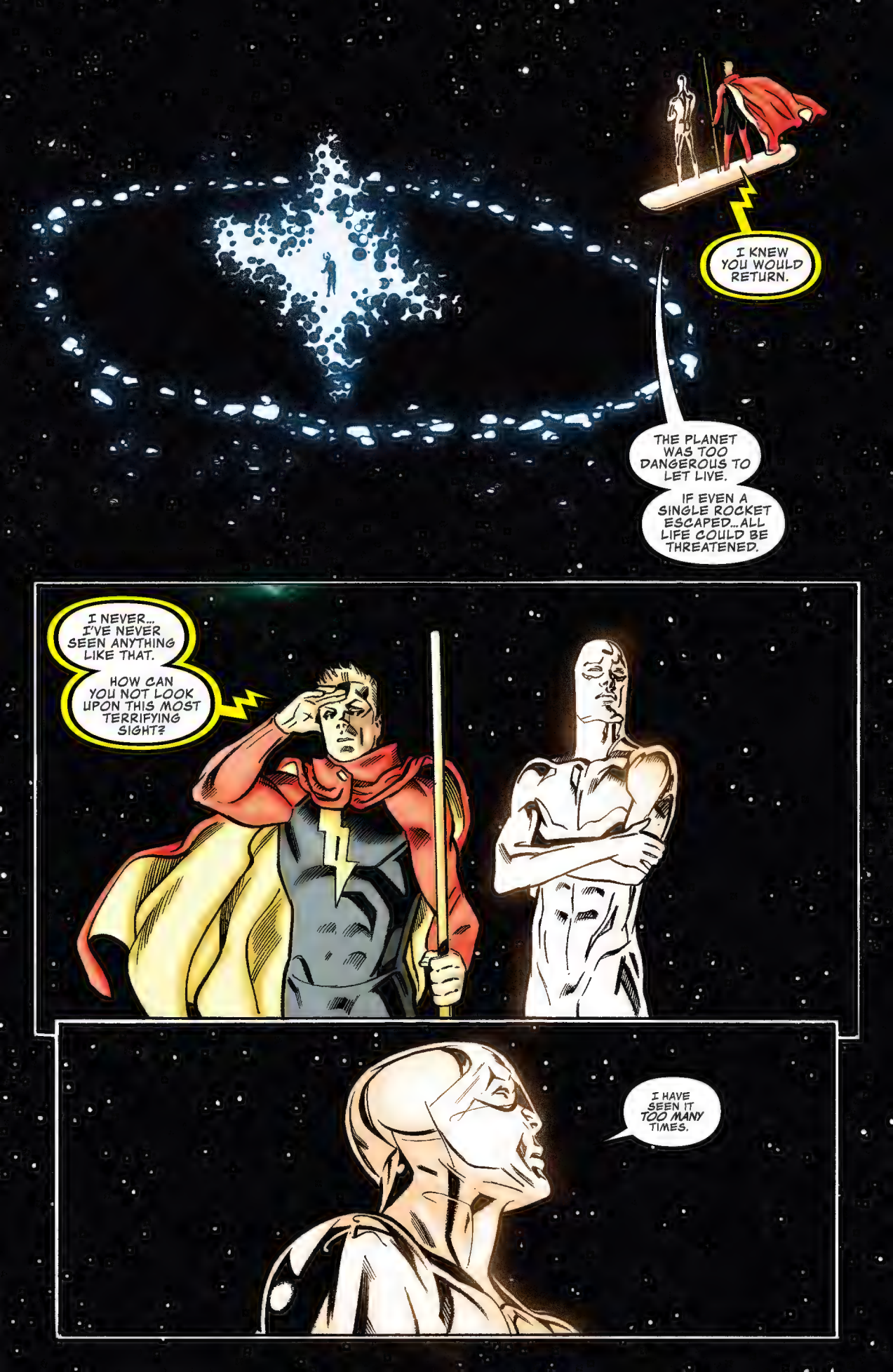
I WILL PEEL YOUR SKIN OFF AND KEEP YOU ALIVE FOR YEARS WHILE I FIGURE OUT NEW WAYS TO EXPERIMENT ON YOU.

WE MUST FLEE!

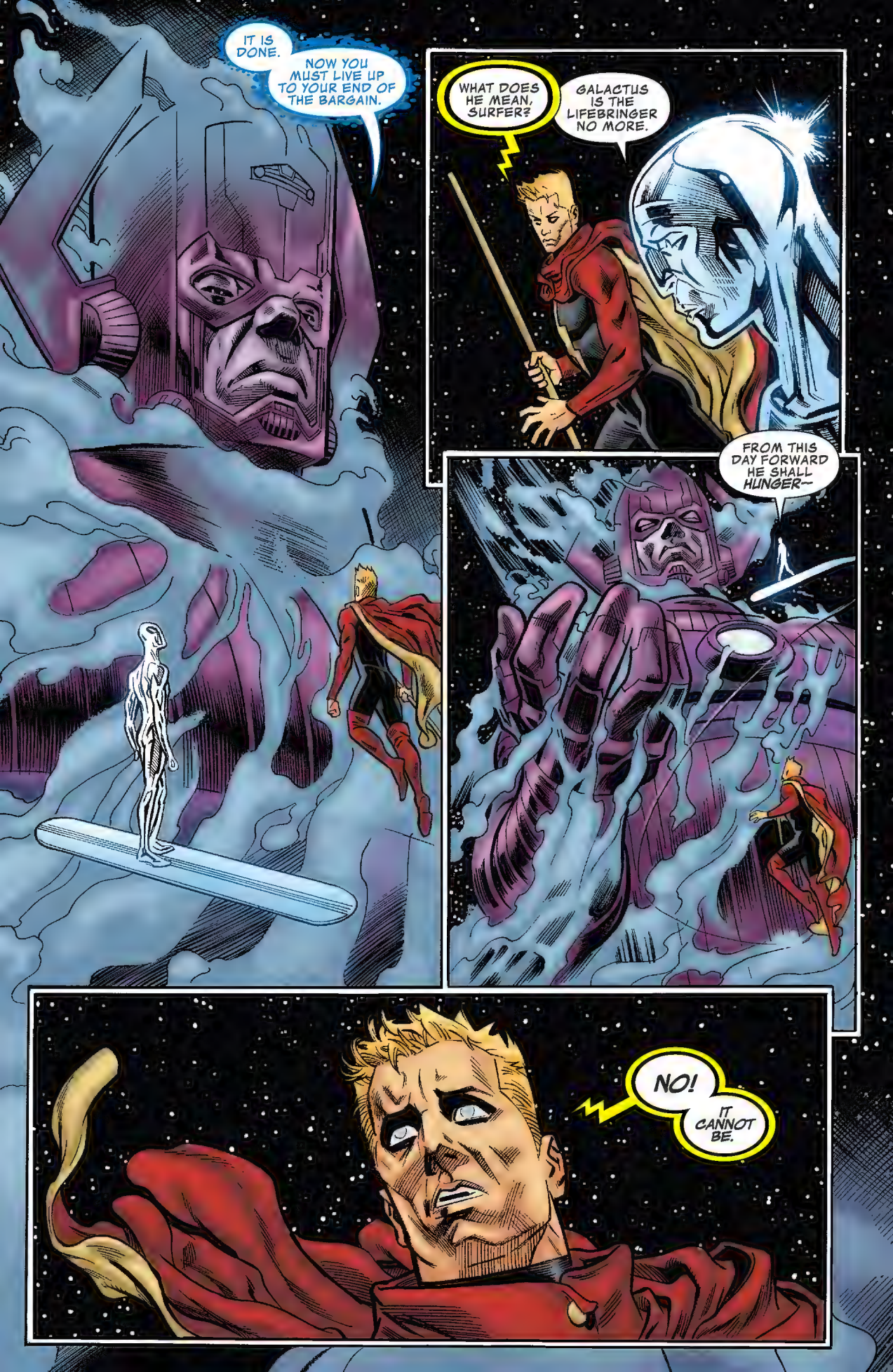
THEY'VE RUINED EVERYTHING!
WE'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY. WE STILL HAVE THE SOUL GEM--
NO, WE'RE TAKING THAT, TOO!
THE ROCKETS HAVE ALL BEEN DESTROYED...

...AND I HAVE YOUR PRIZE.
NOW MEET YOUR END, ULTRON.
WE WERE THE FUTURE!
YOU BRING NOTHING TO THE UNIVERSE.
AND NOW THE UNIVERSE SHALL REDUCE YOU TO NOTHING.

AARGH!
NO!!!
ULTRON MUST NOT ESCAPE!
HE IS WOUNDED AND WITHOUT THE STONE.
"THE DAY IS SAVED, AND IF HE THREATENS TOMORROW, WE SHALL CRUSH HIM THEN."


I KNEW YOU WOULD RETURN.
THE PLANET WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO LET LIVE.
IF EVEN A SINGLE ROCKET ESCAPED...ALL LIFE COULD BE THREATENED.
I NEVER... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
HOW CAN YOU NOT LOOK UPON THIS MOST TERRIFYING SIGHT?
I HAVE SEEN IT TOO MANY TIMES.

I BELIEVE THIS IS YOURS.
THANK YOU, NORRIN. I FEAR WHAT THE OUTCOME WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHOUT YOU...
...AND GALACTUS.
YOU SAVED ME FROM SERVING ULTRON.
IT IS I WHO SHOULD BE THANKING YOU.


IT IS DONE.
NOW YOU MUST LIVE UP TO YOUR END OF THE BARGAIN.
WHAT DOES HE MEAN, SURFER?
GALACTUS IS THE LIFEBRINGER NO MORE.
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD HE SHALL HUNGER—
NO!
IT CANNOT BE.

--AND I MUST FIND SUITABLE WORLDS IN ORDER THAT HE BE SUSTAINED.
THE SILVER SURFER IS ONCE MORE THE HERALD OF GALACTUS!

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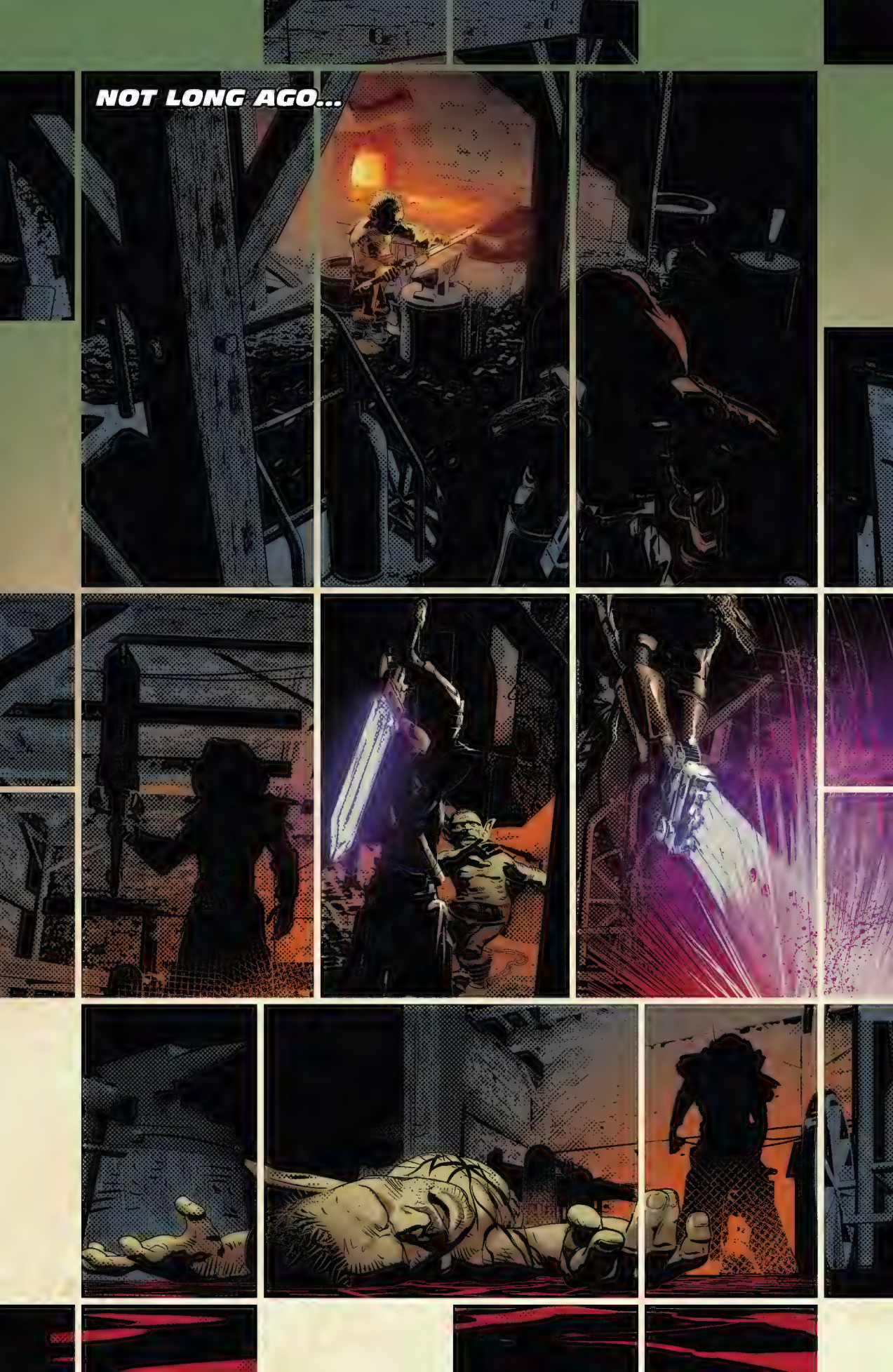
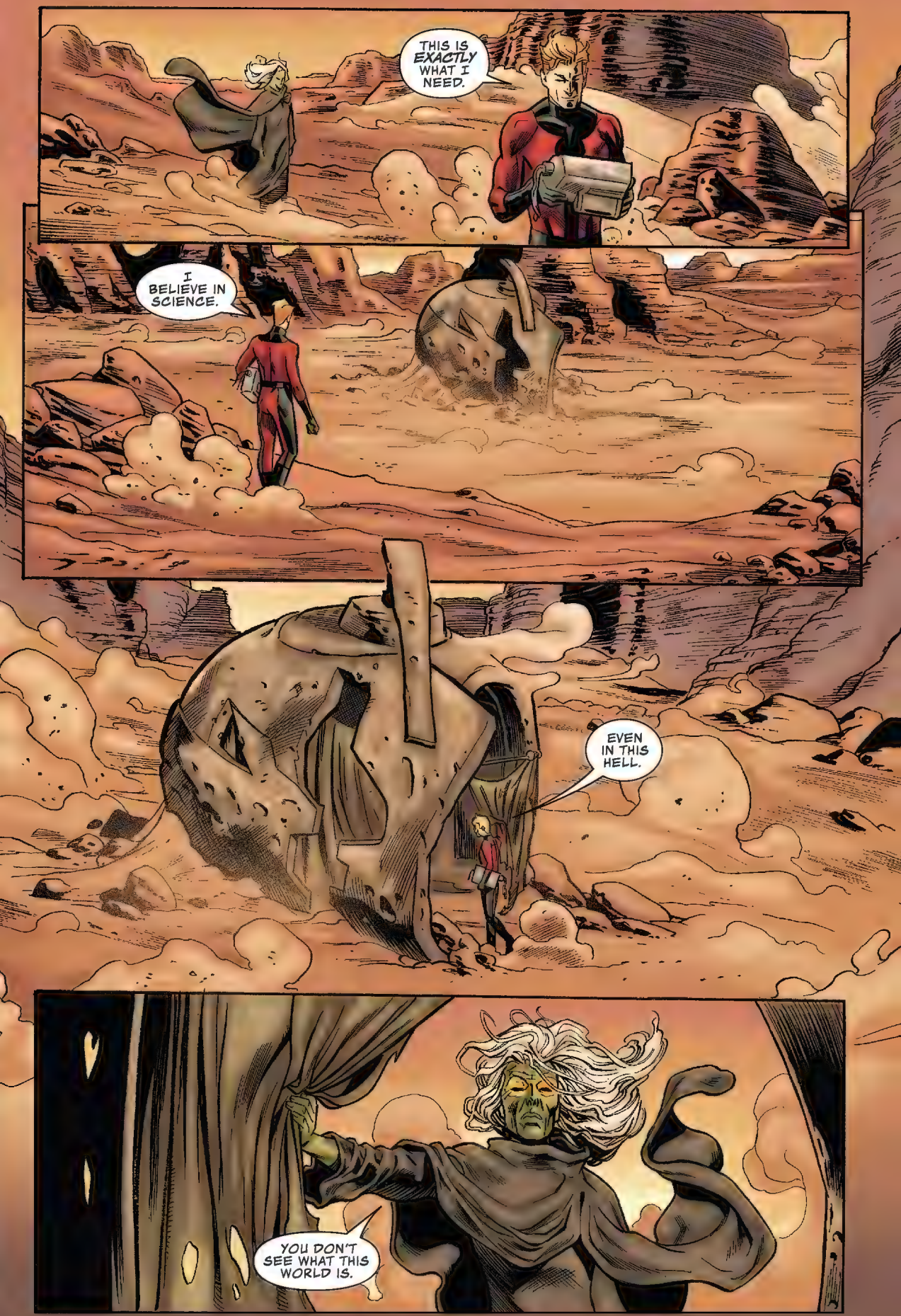

NOT LONG AGO...

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, HANK PYM.
SO YOU KEEP SAYING, GAMORA.
BUT I ONLY KNOW ONE WAY OUT OF A JAM--AND THAT'S TO TINKER.
PYMted
WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING: THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT OF THIS TRAP--AND THAT'S TO LEAVE WHEN THE DOOR TO THE SOUL GEM IS OPENED FROM THE OTHER SIDE.
AHA!


THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I NEED.
I BELIEVE IN SCIENCE.
EVEN IN THIS HELL.
YOU DON'T SEE WHAT THIS WORLD IS.

THIS IS HANK PYM BROADCASTING IN THE BLIND ON AVENGERS EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES. DO YOU READ?
BZZT-- HANK? HANK PYM BSSHTZZT--IS THAT YOU?
I MADE CONTACT!
I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE!
YES, YOU WILL.
I TOLD YOU--

"--THE AVENGERS WILL FIND ME!"
POP
NATZ!

Picked up a Magic rock long story I think someone is listening through it.

THAT STONE IS NOT A TOY...
HOLY HELL!
I'VE ONLY COME TO TALK. THE NAME IS DR. STEPHEN STRANGE.
SORRY, THAT TRICK WON'T WORK ON ME.
I KNOW YOU HAD TO TRY ONCE, BUT A SECOND ATTEMPT WILL BE VERY BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH.
I'M TURK BARRETT. HOW'D YOU FIND ME?

I BANGED A CRYSTAL THAT WAS GROWN IN THE LOWEST DIMENSION KNOWN TO EXIST. THE REVERBERATIONS WILL LAST FOR DAYS, AND IN A FREQUENCY FEW ON EARTH CAN HEAR.
I AM NOT MOST MEN.
THE INFINITY STONE YOU POSSESS WILL GET YOU KILLED. I'M THE NICEST GUY THAT'S GOING TO COME INQUIRING ABOUT IT.
YOU'RE MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE MOST PEOPLE DO. YOU THINK JUST BECAUSE I USED TO BE STILT-MAN THAT I'M SOME PUSHOVER.
YOU... USED TO BE... STILT-MAN?
THE MIND STONE IS HELD BY A FORMER STILT-MAN?
IS THAT SO HARD TO BELIEVE?
OF COURSE I BELIEVE YOU. NOBODY WOULD LIE AND SAY THEY WERE STILT-MAN.
POINT IS, I AIN'T SO STUPID.
LOOK UP.

THEY WILL NEVER HIT THE GROUND. BUT YOU WILL.
NOW RELEASE THEM.
LISTEN CAREFULLY, MISTER BARRETT.
OH, I'LL RELEASE THEM. GOOD LUCK.
DON'T COME LOOKING FOR ME AGAIN, AVENGER.
I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET IT.

FLY!
THREE BODIES IN THREE SECONDS.
A LEVITATION SPELL THAT'S QUICK TO CAST BUT UNRELIABLE--
--A SENTIENT BURST OF WIND THAT MIGHT DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD--
--AND THE CLOAK.

THREE SECONDS WAS ALL TURK NEEDED TO HIDE HIMSELF FROM MY MIND.
WHAT HAPPENED?
DAMMIT.

WE CAN SPEAK PLAINLY NOW. I'VE GOT PROTECTIONS IN THE SANCTUM, EVEN AGAINST A PSYCHIC ATTACK. YOU HAVE GOOD EARS, NATASHA.
WELL THEN, THIS IS A THANK YOU NOTE.
thanks for taking the rock off my hands
I CAN'T TAKE THAT ROCK RIGHT NOW.
IT'S BETTER THEY SHOULD BE APART, AND THAT I NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE. I'M SORRY.
IT'S OKAY, DOC...
POP
...I'M GETTING USED TO BEING A GHOST.

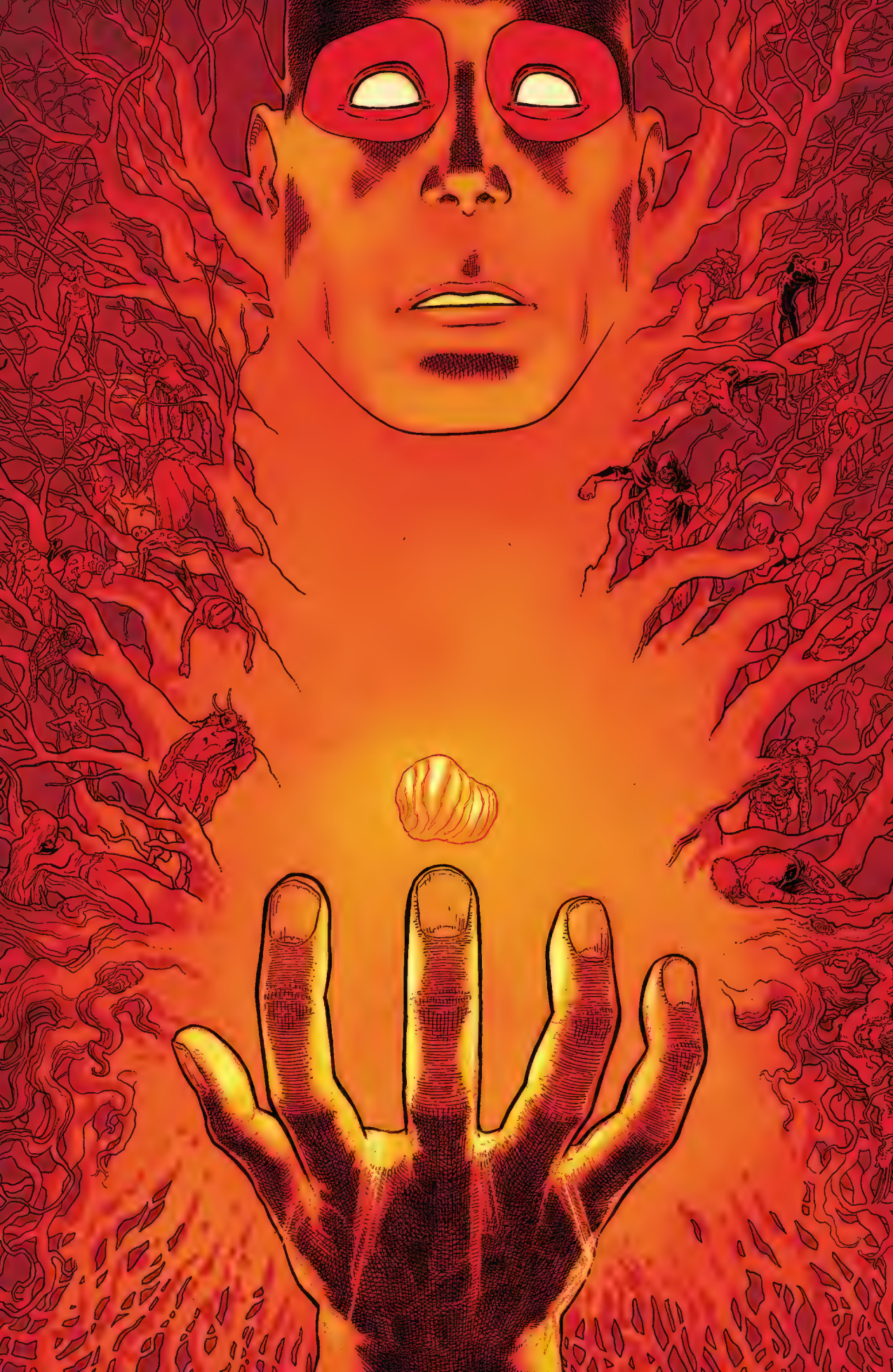
WELCOME TO *OBLITUS*, WHERE EVERY JUNKER IN THE GALAXY GETS WELDED TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS CESSPOOL BIGGER.
WE WERE ASKING FOR TROUBLE BY STAYING ON KNOWHERE. ONCE PEOPLE FROM OTHER REALITIES KNOW WHERE TO LOOK FOR YOU-- YOU'RE BURNED.
MY PAL *RY PHOENIX* HAS A SAFE HOUSE HERE.
GROOT NEEDS TO PLANT HIS FEET IN DIRT ON A PLANET... OR GROOT WILL NEED TO BEGIN CONSUMING MEAT AND BONE.
I CAN'T TELL WHEN YOU'RE KIDDING ANYMORE.
I'M SURE WE'LL FIND PEOPLE WE HATE ENOUGH TO EAT, TOO. THIS *IS* OBLITUS. BUT BEST OF ALL, WE'LL NEVER RUN INTO ANYONE WE KNOW.

HELLO, STAR-LORD.
WARLOCK?
HOW DID YOU KNOW WE WOULD BE HERE?
THAT'S A LONGER DISCUSSION. I UNDERSTAND YOU RECOVERED THE POWER STONE?
SNFF
SNFF
WARLOCK AIN'T ALONE.
GRR--

WAIT!
WE WANT TO TALK.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH KANG?
WE UNDERSTAND YOU FOUGHT FOR THE POWER STONE, AND HOPED YOU MIGHT HAVE A LEAD ON THE LOCATION OF THE TIME STONE.
EVEN IF I DID, I DON'T THINK I'D TELL YOU WHILE YOU'RE WORKING WITH KANG!
DESPERATE TIMES.
HE AGREED TO HELP ME WITH MY MISSION AND I'M HELPING HIM WITH HIS.
LOOK, HE'S ALREADY CONQUERED TIME TRAVEL. IF HE WANTS TO PLAY DEFENSE FOR THE STONE, HE'S BETTER EQUIPPED THAN MOST.
YOU HAVE IT, DON'T YOU? THE SOUL STONE.

I DO.
IT'S NOT WHAT IT ONCE WAS.
LET ME SEE IT. YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND-- A PIECE OF ME NEVER MADE IT OUT OF THERE!
I CANNOT OPEN IT NOW, AND I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD EVER OPEN IT AGAIN. PERHAPS WITH DR. STRANGE, OR--
PLEASE.
NO.
IF YOU DENY ME THE SOUL STONE, YOU ARE MY ENEMY!
UH...

NO!
THAT'S NOT HAPPENING!
WOMP
LET HER HOLD THE DUMB ROCK...
...WHAT'S THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN?

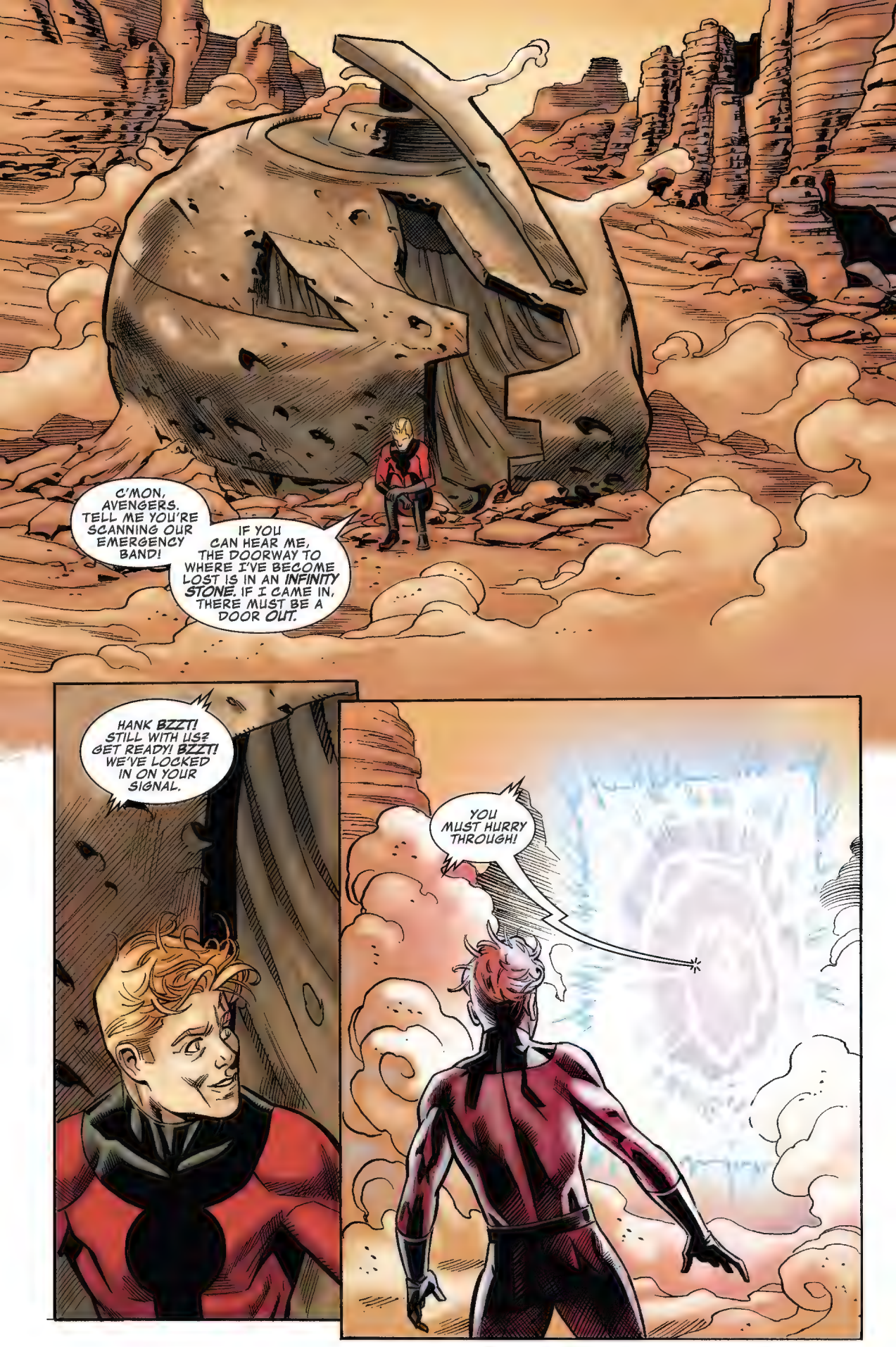


WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
DRAX, GIVE IT TO ME!
STAY BACK!
THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE THE TIME STONE IS. LET'S GO, WARLOCK.
NOBODY MUST OPEN THE STONE.
YOU COULD COME WITH US. MAKE SURE OF THAT.
I'M SORRY I STRUCK YOU, GAMORA...BUT I SAW SOMEONE IN THE TREES. THEY ALL DIED HORRIBLY.

I'M TIRED OF GUARDING THE GALAXY, AND GAMORA'S QUEST IS TOO DANGEROUS. THE SOUL GEM--
--WAS A HEAVEN ONCE.
IT NO LONGER LOOKS LIKE THAT.
WE...
WE MUST FIND WHERE KANG HIDES IMMEDIATELY.
NO.

WHAT?
NOT FOR ME. NOT THIS TIME.
COWARD.
GROOT THINKS ROCKS ARE DUMB.
THERE'S NO UPSIDE, GAMORA! THE ROCKS ARE WORTH SO MUCH THAT NOBODY CAN BUY ONE, AND YOU CAN ONLY TAKE IT FROM DEAD HANDS.
HA-HA-HA!
MY OLDEST FRIEND JUST BETRAYED ME AND LEFT WITH KANG AND NOW YOU THREE HAVE LOST YOUR SPINES.

OOF
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WOULD FAIL ME AFTER YOU LEFT RICH BEHIND TO DIE IN THE CANCERVERSE.
I WILL DO WHAT MUST BE DONE.
THAT'S NOT FAIR-- YOU WEREN'T THERE!
HEY, WAIT! LET'S TALK!
THOSE IDIOTS HAVE A PRICELESS INFINITY STONE.
HAVE FUN.
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.
"THIS IS AN EMERGENCY."


C'MON, AVENGERS. TELL ME YOU'RE SCANNING OUR EMERGENCY BAND!
IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, THE DOORWAY TO WHERE I'VE BECOME LOST IS IN AN INFINITY STONE. IF I CAME IN, THERE MUST BE A DOOR OUT.
HANK BZZT! STILL WITH US? GET READY! BZZT! WE'VE LOCKED IN ON YOUR SIGNAL.
YOU MUST HURRY THROUGH!

WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE CAN KEEP THE DIMENSIONAL BRIDGE OPEN.
COPY THAT!
REED?! IS THAT YOU?!
HA!

I KNEW YOU'D FIND ME!

HANK!

SORRY, I THINK I NEED A SHOWER.

I'M RIGHT WHERE I BELONG.

I'M RIGHT WHERE I BELONG.
I'M RIGHT WHERE I BELONG.

I'M RIGHT WHERE--
SKRUNK
YOU WANTED OUT OF HERE, PYM.
YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED.

THOSE OF YOU THAT CAN HEAR MY CALL THROUGH THE STONE...
I AM DOCTOR STRANGE.
WE MUST HAVE A PARLEY.
IMMINENT DANGER APPROACHES.
I SUMMON A GATHERING OF THE INFINITY WATCH. EARTH. MIDNIGHT TOMORROW IN NEW YORK'S CENTRAL PARK.
I GUARANTEE SAFE CONDUCT FOR ALL.

AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, THE INFINITY STONES ARE *DIFFERENT* THAN THEY ONCE WERE.
I DON'T KNOW WHY YET-- BUT WE MUST MAKE SURE THEY'RE SAFEGUARDED.
I ASK THAT YOU COME AND HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
IT'S CRITICAL WE SIX SOULS SAFEGUARD THE STONES...

"...BECAUSE WE MAY HAVE ONLY ONE OPPORTUNITY TO STAVE OFF CALAMITY."

THE INFINITY STONES...

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On their own, the stones provide great power. But when combined, they form a circuit — a positive feedback loop granting the user **INFINITE** power!

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OMNIPOTENCE CITY.
WHY?
WHY?
WHY DO I REMEMBER SOME STORIES DIFFERENTLY THAN THE BOOKS?

THERE'S NO END TO MY TORMENT.

WHY AM I NEVER THE HERO OF THE STORY?

THE SAME STORIES...OVER AND OVER. SOMETIMES WITH DIFFERENT OUTCOMES...NEVER WITH ME ON A THRONE.

SOMEONE IS BEHIND ALL THIS.

YES, YES--SOMEONE IS ALWAYS BEHIND IT.
GOOD LUCK TO YOU, BUT MY LIBRARY'S CLOSING ANON.
I AM LOKI--PRINCE OF ASGARD! HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY FOR SO LONG THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?
INDEED I DO, "MILORD." I'M FLOWA, ONE OF THE ASGARDIAN TOMEKEEPERS.
AND YOU'RE LUCKY I LET YOU IN HERE AT ALL!
AHH!
H-HOW ARE YOU SO STRONG?
WHEN I'M NEAR MY BOOKS AND SCROLLS I AM EMBOLDENED WITH THE STRENGTH OF MY ANCESTORS.

OUT WITH YA!
OOF! WAIT-- YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
SOMEONE IS PLAYING A TRICK ON ME.
THAT DOESN'T SEEM DIFFICULT.
SOME OF YOUR STUPID BOOKS ARE WRONG ANYWAY. IGNORING WHAT'S COME BEFORE TO TELL A TALE FROM A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW. NOT EVERYTHING MAKES SENSE, AND IT'S DRIVEN ME MAD.
DIFFERENT UNIVERSES WITH THE SAME PEOPLE-- WHY?
HMM. I REMEMBER SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
OVER HERE...
YOU MEAN YOU RECALL A STORY WHERE I TOOK LEAVE OF MY SENSES?
THIS BETTER NOT BE A TRICK.
IT SEEMS YOU WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF TELLING IF IT WERE.
HOW DID YOU COME TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF THESE ASGARDIAN BOOKS?

FREYJA THOUGHT KEEPING ALL OUR KNOWLEDGE IN ONE PLACE WAS NOT ONE OF ODIN'S SMARTER DECISIONS.
NOW THAT ASGARD HAS FALLEN INTO A STAR, I THINK WE CAN AGREE SHE WAS MOST WISE TO HAVE THE TOMEKEEPERS COPY THE IMPORTANT TEXTS AND KEEP THEM IN VARIOUS PLACES.
AHA.
THIS WAS A TALE ABOUT FAMILIAL STRIFE AND A WAR OF WORLDS.
IS IT ANY GOOD?
I'VE NEVER READ IT.
IS THIS--
WHAT HEL IS THIS?
THE STORY BEGINS WITH ME, BUT MOST OF IT HAS BEEN RIPPED OUT!

WHAT?!
I WILL FIND THE KNAVE, MAKE HIM REDRAW THE PAGES AND THEN SLAY HIM!
NOT IF I CAN DO IT FIRST.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THIS TALE?
THE ONLY THING I REMEMBER IS IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE QUARRY WAY OUT AT THE END OF SPACE.
THE GOD QUARRY?
THAT'S WHAT FOLKS CALL IT NOW, BUT LONG AGO IT WAS THE QUARRY OF CREATION.
THE GODS ARE JUST THE TOP SEDIMENT.
THEN I MUST GO TO THE GOD QUARRY.
HA-HA!
YOU RUBE, YOU DON'T JUST SAIL FOR THE QUARRY...

"...THAT PLACE IS PROTECTED BY ELDER WITCHES."

YES. SOMEHOW I'M SURE YOU POSSESS MUCH KNOWLEDGE TO SHARE ABOUT THEM.
I'M BORED, AND I'M MISSING MY BOOK GATHERING FELLOWSHIP THIS EVENING, SO OUT YOU GO.
WAIT--
NOT ANOTHER WORD, TRICKSTER.
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY DOING TONIGHT? WOULD YOU CARE TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE GOD--ER, THIS QUARRY OF CREATION?
TSK. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRAVEL. PERHAPS THIS IS MY CHANCE TO WRITE A TOME.
EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT NOW...

...THE BRIGHT UTOPIA OF SOUL WORLD IS GONE, ALMOST LIKE IT'S BEING DRAINED AWAY SOMEHOW.
THE DUST STORMS HOWL.
THE SOULS THAT DWELL PERMANENTLY DON'T... SEEM TO NOTICE.

:SIGH:
NONE OF YOU EVER STOP BY THE SANCTUM WITH A LAYUP, DO YOU?
WARLOCK, THE STONES WERE DESTROYED.
I DON'T THINK THEY CAN BE, STRANGE.
WHAT AREN'T YOU TELLING ME?
AND WHAT REALLY BRINGS YOU HERE?
THE TIME STONE-- DO YOU HAVE IT?
YOU'RE... NOT THINKING ABOUT ASSEMBLING THE STONES, ARE YOU?
NO, BUT--
GOOD. THIS IS SOMETHING I PICKED UP IN MY RECENT TRAVELS. THE ROPES OF THE XIAND NOMADS--
--TETHERS CAPABLE OF SPANNING DIMENSIONAL DOORS.

HOW DID YOU FIND THE SOUL STONE?
I RETRIEVED IT FROM ULTRON. I HAD SOME HELP.
THE PORTAL TO SOUL WORLD IS OPENING. AFTER YOU.
NO, I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THE FIRST TRIP. SEE IF THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED WITHIN THE STONE.
VERY WELL.
AND, ADAM... WHEN YOU RETURN, I EXPECT TO HEAR WHY YOU'VE NOT MENTIONED YOU WERE JUST WITH KANG. I CAN STILL SENSE THE TACHYONS.
HOW IS IT INSIDE?
BEAUTIFUL.
REALLY?

NO.
WAIT. SOMEONE'S COMING.
HEY!
WHY DO YOU RUN?
IT APPROACHES!

STAY BACK!

I'M POWERLESS?!

WARLOCK? FOLLOW THE LINE BACK!

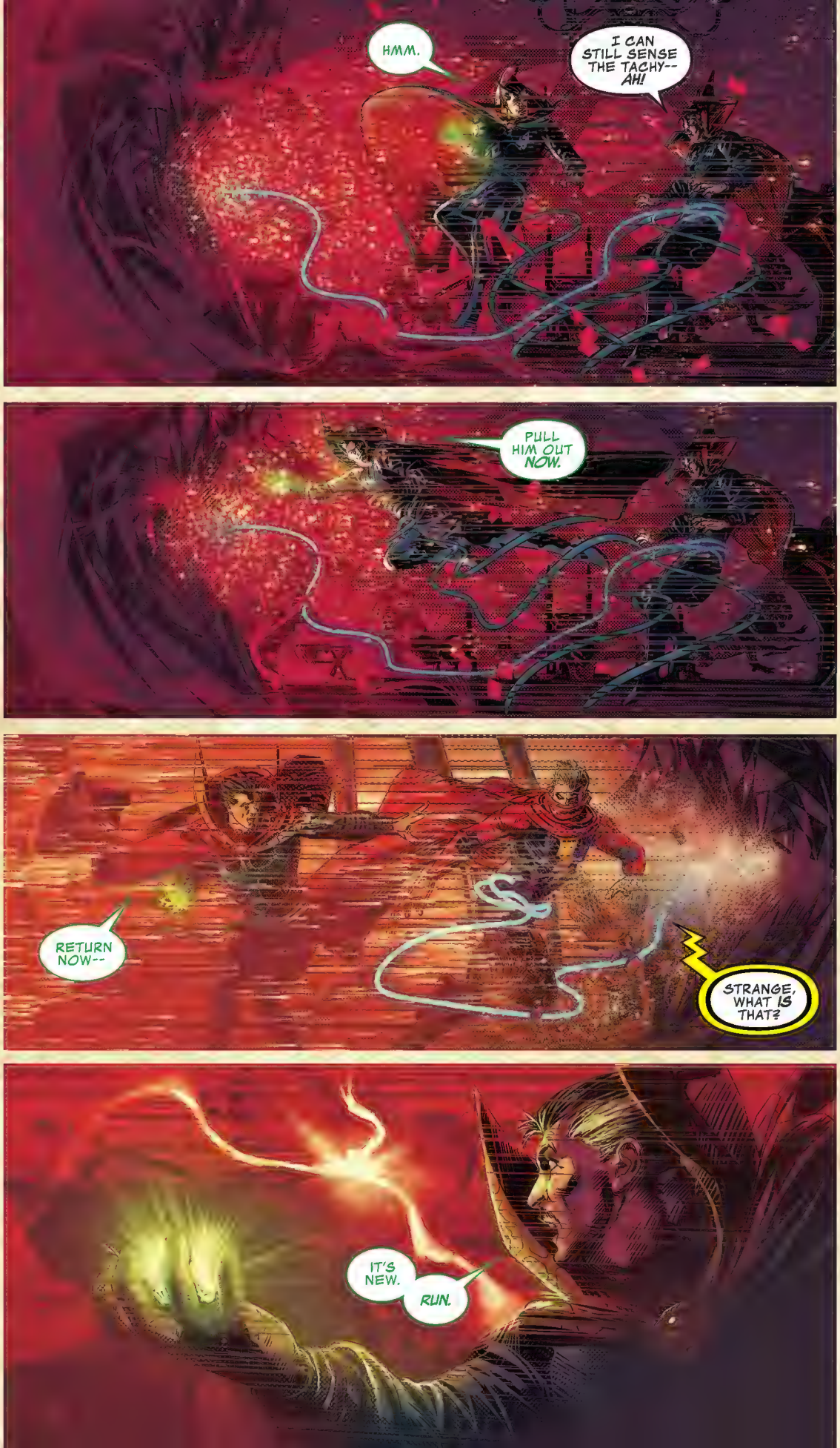
STRANGE, DON'T COME IN HERE!

WELL, NOW I KIND OF HAVE TO.

YAAARGH!

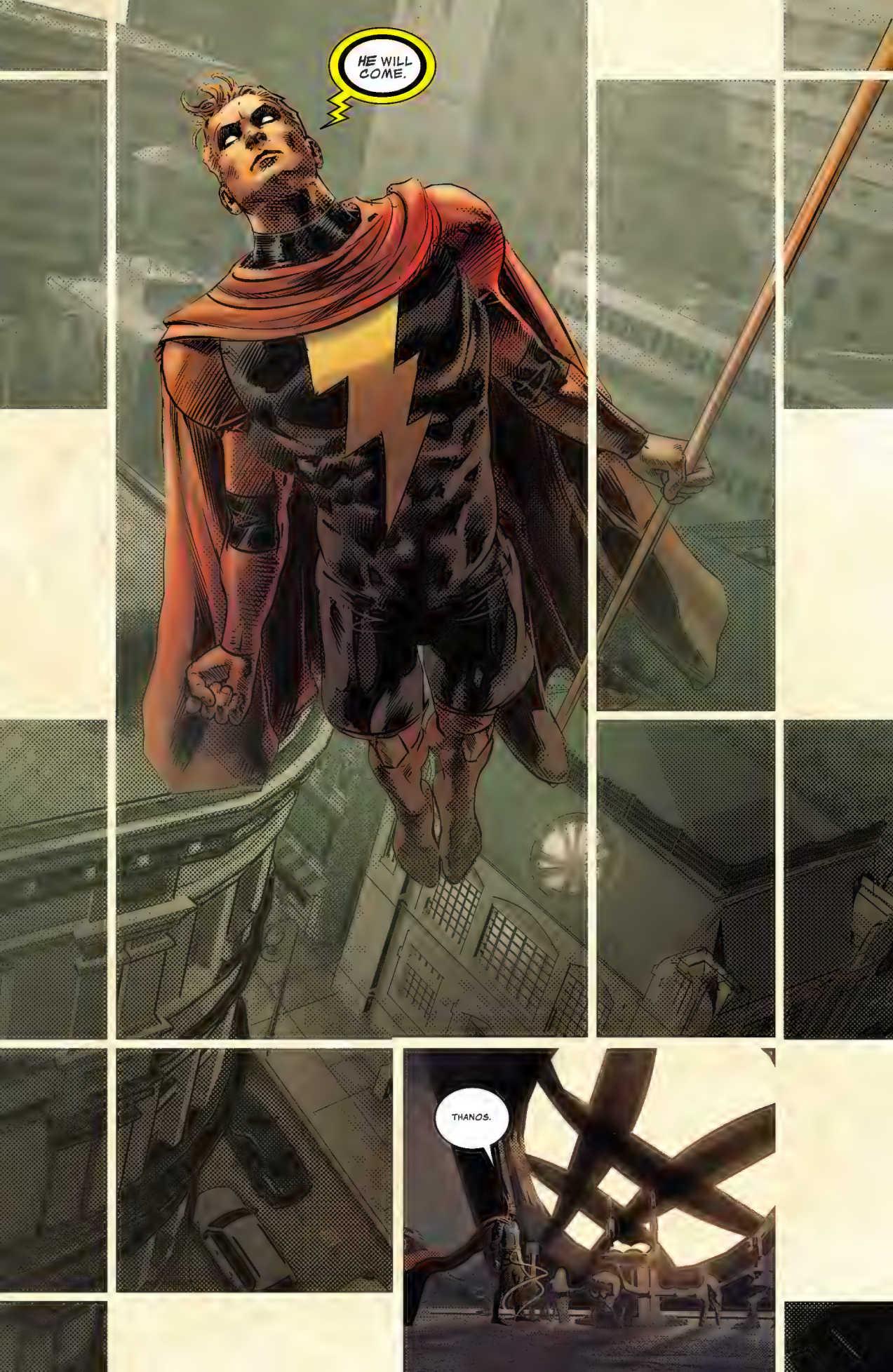
BY THE HOARY HOSTS!

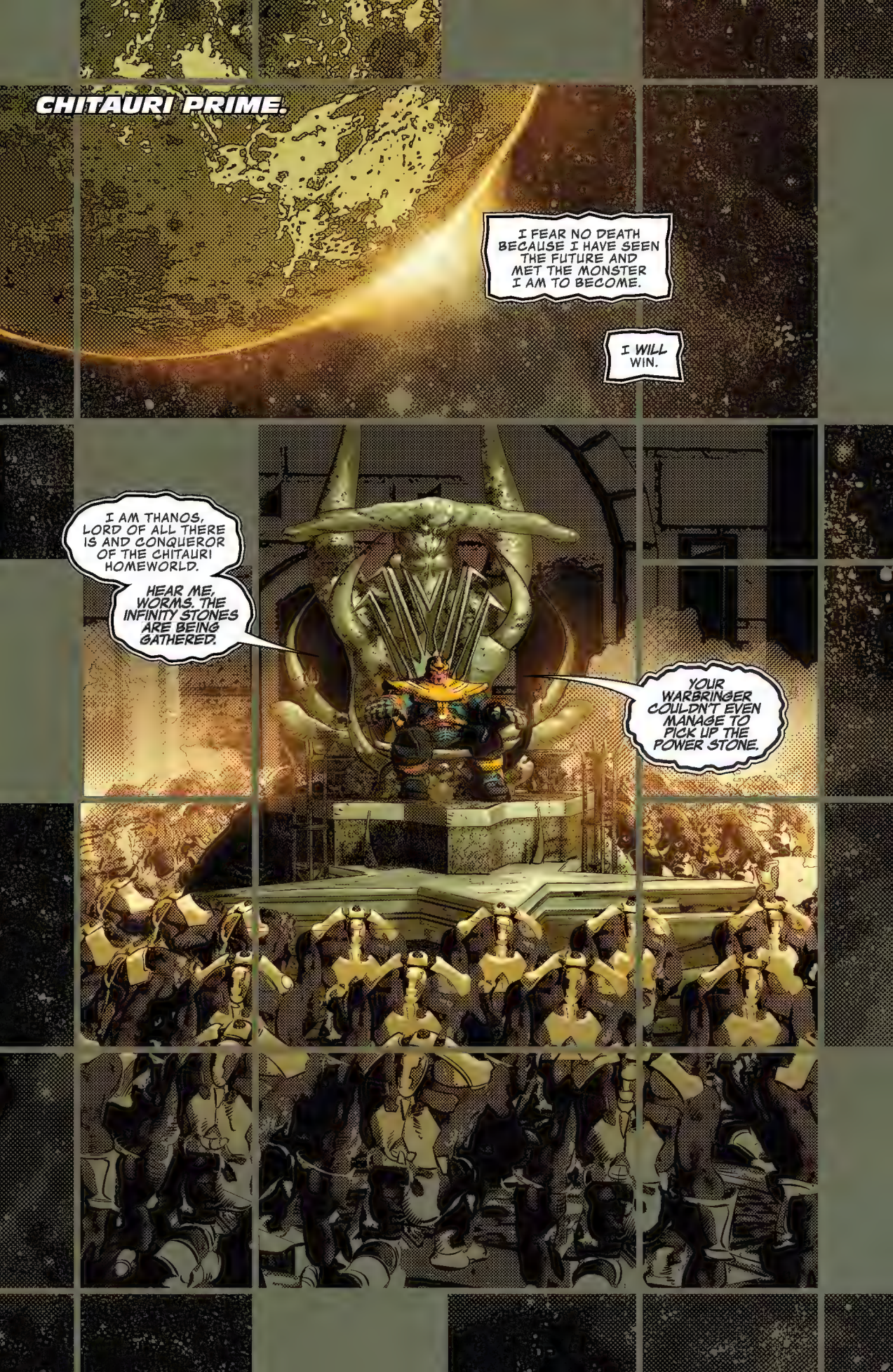
I'D HOPED TO KEEP THE TIME STONE SECRET...


HMM.
I CAN STILL SENSE THE TACHY-- AH!
PULL HIM OUT NOW.
RETURN NOW--
STRANGE, WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S NEW.
RUN.

YOU HAD THE TIME STONE BUT DIDN'T TELL ME.
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME KANG UBERED YOU TO THE PRESENT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. WHAT WAS THAT BACK IN THE SOUL GEM?
A REASON TO DRINK.
WHEN GAMORA VISITED NOT LONG AGO, SHE SHOWED ME SOME OF SOUL WORLD THROUGH HER DREAMS, BUT...IT'S WORSENED SINCE THEN.
THAT IS WHY I COULD NOT LET THE GAMORA FROM THE STONE CROSS OVER.
PERHAPS THE SOUL GEM IS SAFER HERE WITH ME, WHERE I CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO--
YOU'RE NOT ASSEMBLING THE STONES, ARE YOU, STEPHEN?

THE SOUL GEM IS MY RESPONSIBILITY.
WHAT DID KANG WANT IN RETURN FOR HIS HELP?
YOUR TIME STONE.
GOODBYE, ADAM.
KANG WON'T BE THE ONLY ONE LOOKING, STEPHEN.

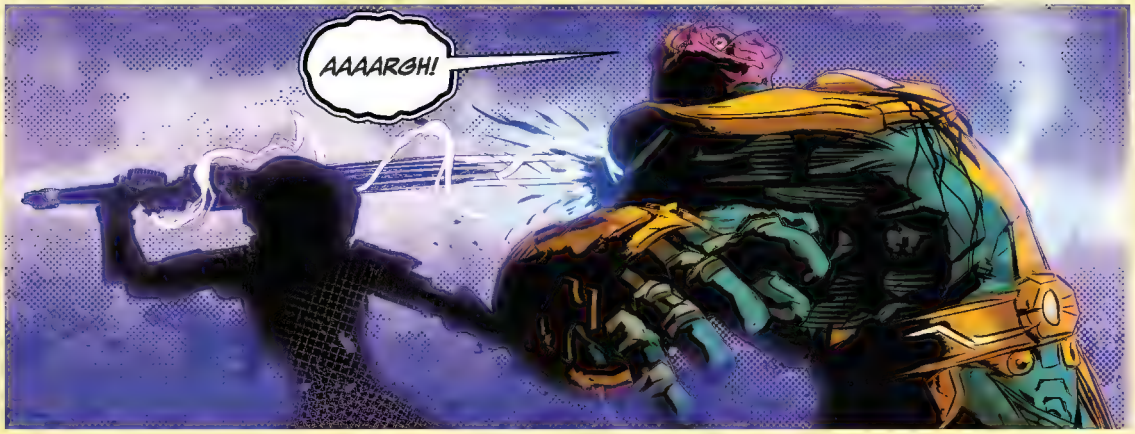

HE WILL COME.
THANOS.


CHITAURI PRIME.
I FEAR NO DEATH BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE AND MET THE MONSTER I AM TO BECOME.
I WILL WIN.
I AM THANOS, LORD OF ALL THERE IS AND CONQUEROR OF THE CHITAURI HOMEWORLD.
HEAR ME, WORMS. THE INFINITY STONES ARE BEING GATHERED.
YOUR WARBRINGER COULDN'T EVEN MANAGE TO PICK UP THE POWER STONE.

THE STONES WILL BE MINE AGAIN--
--AS THEY WERE ONCE BEFORE. THEY ARE MINE IN EVERY REALITY.
WHEN I WRAP MY HANDS AROUND WARBRINGER'S NECK, HIS DEATH WILL BE SLOW AND PAINFUL, AND WHEN HE BEGS FOR MERCY HE SHALL FIND NONE.

ARISE, YOU SOULLESS DREGS!
YOU WILL WAGE WAR UPON MY ENEMIES, AND WHILE YOU BURN THE GALAXY I WILL CRUSH THE LIFE FROM THE ONES WHO WIELD THE STONES, AND WHEN MY GAUNTLET IS REASSEMBLED--
--MY WILL SHALL BE DONE!
NONE SHALL OPPOSE ME.

URRCKK!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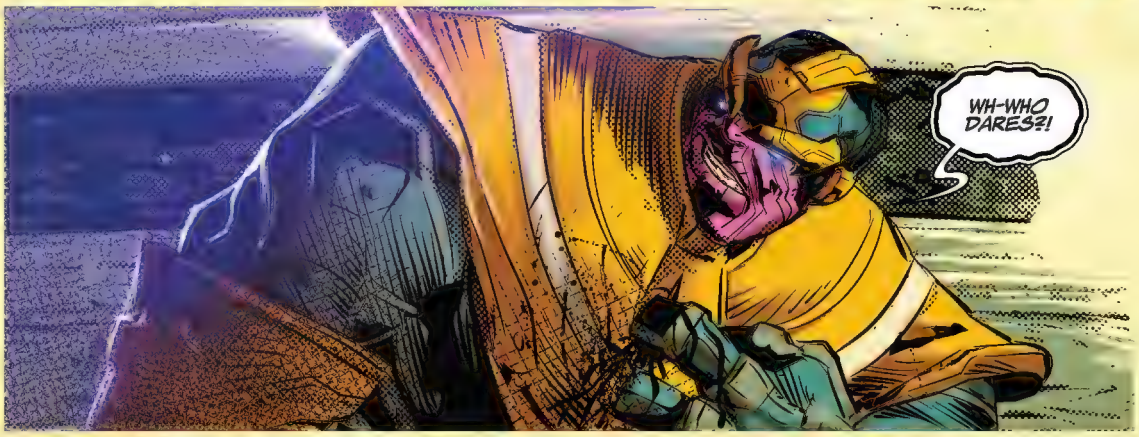
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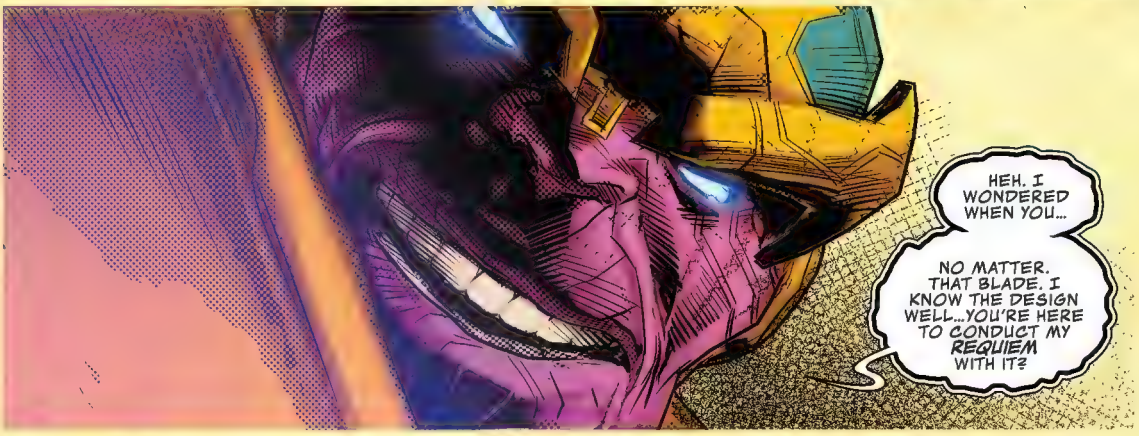
HEH. I WONDERED WHEN YOU...
NO MATTER. THAT BLADE. I KNOW THE DESIGN WELL...YOU'RE HERE TO CONDUCT MY REQUIEM WITH IT?

ALWAYS SO GRANDIOSE.

I'M JUST HERE TO KILL YOU.

THIS IS A FINE DEATH.
THE FUTURE I DREADED IS NO MORE.
AND AS THE LIGHT FADES FROM MY EYES...
...I AM MADE WHOLE.

BY THE RULES OF COMBAT, WE ARE YOURS TO COMMAND, MASTER.
I HAVE ONE NEED OF YOU...
DEET
DIE.
:GASP:
HUUURRCKK!
ACKKCKK!

THANOS ASKED IF I WAS TO CONDUCT HIS REQUIEM
AND SO I HAVE
BUT MY WORK IS FAR FROM DONE
MY FUTURE IS BLANK

...NOW THAT THE PAST IS DEAD
SKRU NCK

AARON KUDER & RACHELLE ROSENBERG

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INFINITY WARS

A PIECE OF ME IS MISSING...

I KNOW.
I BELIEVE YOU.
I'M SORRY IT DIDN'T GO YOUR WAY.
THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?
YEAH. PRETTY MUCH. ROCKET AND GROOT FEEL THE SAME, AND HELL--DRAX QUIT TO GO BABYSIT THE SOUL GEM.
WITH THIS POWER STONE...WE COULD FORCE THE ISSUE.
I COULD OPEN THE SOUL GEM AND BE REUNITED WITH THE PIECE OF ME THAT'S MISSING.
SORRY, GAMORA. THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD WAY TO GET A LOT OF PEOPLE KILLED.

I HAD TO ASK.
DO SOMETHING FOR ME, PETER.
DON'T GO TO THE INFINITY WATCH GATHERING THAT DR. STRANGE IS CONVENING.

I HAVE NO CHOICE. YOU THINK I WANT TO BE WALKING AROUND WITH AN INFINITY STONE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?
IT'D BE, LIKE, THE LONGEST, DUMBEST SUICIDE ATTEMPT.

IT'S GOTTA BE PROTECTED. THEY ALL DO.
AND IF JOINING A NEW *INFINITY WATCH* IS THE WAY TO DO IT...

...THEN MAYBE IT WAS MEANT TO BE.
BUT MAYBE YOU AND I COULD--

GROOT TOLD YOU GAMORA WOULD NOT JOIN US.
YOU WERE RIGHT, BUDDY.
WELL, YOU TRIED.
GROOT THINKS ANY OF US COULD HAVE FAILED.
GROOT DOESN'T BLAME YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THE WEAKEST GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY.
THANKS, GROOT. I APPRECIATE THAT.
AND GET THIS THROUGH YOUR THICK BARK: THERE IS NO MORE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY.

EARTH.
"THIS USED TO BE MY HOME.
"I GET UNCOMFORTABLE EVERY TIME I RETURN.
"I DIDN'T THINK I'D END UP SEEING THE OTHER GUARDIANS RIGHT AFTER I QUIT THE TEAM.
"I HOPE THEY HAVE FORGIVEN ME.
YEAOOW!
WOMP
SCREEECH
"I OWE GAMORA AN APOLOGY FOR STRIKING HER. IT WAS AN ANGRY REGRESSION TO MY DAYS AS DESTROYER..."

...BUT I KNEW AFTER TOUCHING THE SOUL GEM THAT SHE COULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPEN IT.
I'M SURE YOU WILL MAKE IT UP TO HER, DRAX.
AND NOW I SEE WHY YOU'VE PAUSED TIME, IRON LAD.
IS THIS PERSON SOMEONE IMPORTANT?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT IF WE SAVE ONE LIFE, WE SAVE AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE.
I'M SURPRISED DR. STRANGE IS AGREEING TO LET A YOUNG KANG ATTEND THIS GATHERING.
DESPERATE TIMES.
WHAT IF THIS MAN IS SUPPOSED TO DIE HERE?
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU DIED?
HNNH. SHUT UP, KID.
NO PARKING LOADING ZONE
SKRACK
"IF THE SHOOTING STARTS, AIM FOR THE ONES HOLDING THE GLOWING MAGIC ROCKS."

AND IF I POINT AT SOMEBODY AND SMILE--

--THAT MEANS THEY'RE ABOUT TO ATTACK US--SO TAKE 'EM OUT.

THEY PROMISED THE PARK WOULD BE *EMPTY.*

SHOULD I KILL THE CYCLIST?

NAH, I JUST PEEKED INSIDE HIS MIND. HE'S JUST A CYCLIST.

YEAH, BUT THEY REALLY SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC.

"WHATEVER. WE'RE LATE."

BLAMMM

GROOT RETURNS TO EARTH!

WHEN GROOT WAS FIRST ON EARTH MANY YEARS AGO...

...GROOT PROMISED TO MARCH ACROSS THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET AND DOOM ALL WHO DARED TO OPPOSE GROOT.

FROM WHAT I HEAR--THAT WOULD BE A BIG IMPROVEMENT THESE DAYS.

I ***HATE*** THIS PLACE.

BELVEDERE CASTLE.
IN CENTRAL PARK.
SORRY I'M LATE, DOCTOR.
NOT AT ALL. IN FACT...
...YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME, CAPTAIN MARVEL.
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. HOW'S YOUR KREE SITUATION?
THEY'RE TIRED OF BEING PUNCHED. PROBABLY.
WHERE ARE THE OTHER AVENGERS, DOC?

OUR FRIENDS ARE WITH US.
GIVEN WHAT THE AVENGERS HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH HERE THIS EVENING, WE THOUGHT IT BEST TO KEEP A FEW BIG GUNS OUT OF SIGHT.
BEING HONEST, I'M NOT SURE WE SHOULD BE HAVING THIS MEETING ON EARTH.
NO ARGUMENT. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE INVITEES WERE NOT COMFORTABLE LEAVING THE PLANET.
I SEE TURK HAS BROUGHT SOME FRIENDS...THAT IS REGRETTABLE.
HAW HAW!
HAW! DO YOU GUYS SEE IT, TOO?
IT'S A RACCOON WITH A GUN! AND IT'S IN A TREE!!!
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
HEY, I THOUGHT WE SAID "NO GUNS"?
GROOT'S FRIEND ROCKET ALWAYS HAS A WEAPON.
THEY TALK!!! THEY FREAKIN' TALK!

THAT'S ENOUGH.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. SOME OF YOU HAVE CROSSED THE STARS TO BE HERE THIS EVENING.

THIS IS THE FIRST GATHERING OF A NEW *INFINITY WATCH.*

CAPTAIN MARVEL WIELDS THE REALITY STONE. MR. TURK BARRETT POSSESSES THE MIND STONE.

PETER QUILL, ROCKET AND GROOT HOLD THE POWER STONE.

ADAM WARLOCK, DRAX AND IRON LAD ARE THE PROTECTORS OF THE SOUL GEM, AND I HOLD THE TIME STONE.

WHEN WE SPOKE YOU SAID THERE WERE *SIX* STONES, BUT YOU'RE *LIGHT.*

I CAN ASSURE YOU, THE WIELDER OF THE SPACE STONE IS WITH US, BUT AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT REMAINS UNSEEN.

WE HAVE MUCH TO DECIDE, AND LITTLE TIME ON THE CLOCK.

THIS GATHERING OF THE STONES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ATTRACT UNWANTED ATTENTION. WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR THANOS--

--AND TO COMPLICATE MATTERS, THERE IS A CORRUPTION IN THE SOUL GEM THAT POSES A DIRECT THREAT TO OUR REALITY.

ZZZZZZZ *BORING!!!*

WHERE'S THE SPACE ROCK?

AS YOU SUSPECTED, THEY WANT PROOF THAT YOU ARE HERE.
THIS IS NOT WHAT WE AGREED TO!
YEAH, WHY DOES YOUR PAL GET TO PHONE THIS MEETING IN?
THIS ARRANGEMENT IS FOR YOUR SAFETY. NOT HERS.
I CALL BULL--
PAFF

I KNOW WE'RE ALL EXPECTING *THEM* TO BLOW THIS MEETING, BUT I'M FINDING IT REALLY HARD NOT TO EMPTY THE CLIP AND RETIRE A HERO.
HOLD THAT THOUGHT, AND THE LINE.
WOW... I CAN'T SEE HER.
SNIFF
BONJOUR, AROUSAL.
YOU MIGHT GIVE ME A CHANCE TO KILL ANOTHER OF RED'S OLD GIRLS.

SHOULD THE SPACE STONE NEED TO CHANGE HANDS--IT IS PRESENT.
YOU'VE BEEN SUMMONED HERE TODAY BECAUSE YOU HOLD INFINITY.
LIKE IT OR NOT, AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME *THIS GROUP* IS THE NEW *INFINITY WATCH.*
WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT THAT PROTECTS THE STONES. PREFERABLY OFF-EARTH.
PASS.
SO YOU'RE THE GUY THAT'S BEEN LISTENING IN ON US THROUGH THE ROCKS.
I'D PUT THAT LITTLE TOY DOWN.
I'M BULLETPROOF, YA MUPPET.
I FLARKIN' HATE THIS PLANET.
NICE TO MEET THE DING-DONG BLABBING ALL HIS SECRET PLANS INTO THE MAGIC ROCK.

THERE IS MORE TO DISCUSS THAN JUST THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE STONES.
THERE IS SOMETHING... DIFFERENT AND DANGEROUS ABOUT THE SOUL GEM. THE WORLD WITHIN HAS BEEN TAINTED.
IT ALWAYS HUNGERED. NOW THE GEM FEELS... STARVED.
THE STONES SHOULD BE SEPARATED. NO ONE SHOULD KNOW THE LOCATION OF MORE THAN A SINGLE STONE.
THANOS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME FOR US, BUT... THIS MAY BE OUR BEST OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH HIM.
ARMED WITH ALL SIX STONES, WE MAY HAVE THE UPPER HAND.
THE REALITY STONE OPENS WINDOWS INTO WHAT IS POSSIBLE.
WHEN TIME IS SPED UP FOR REALITY, THE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES OF LIFE ARE SHUFFLED. USED IN CONJUNCTION WE CAN SEE HOW THANOS MOVES AGAINST US THIS VERY MINUTE.
BY THE VISHANTI.

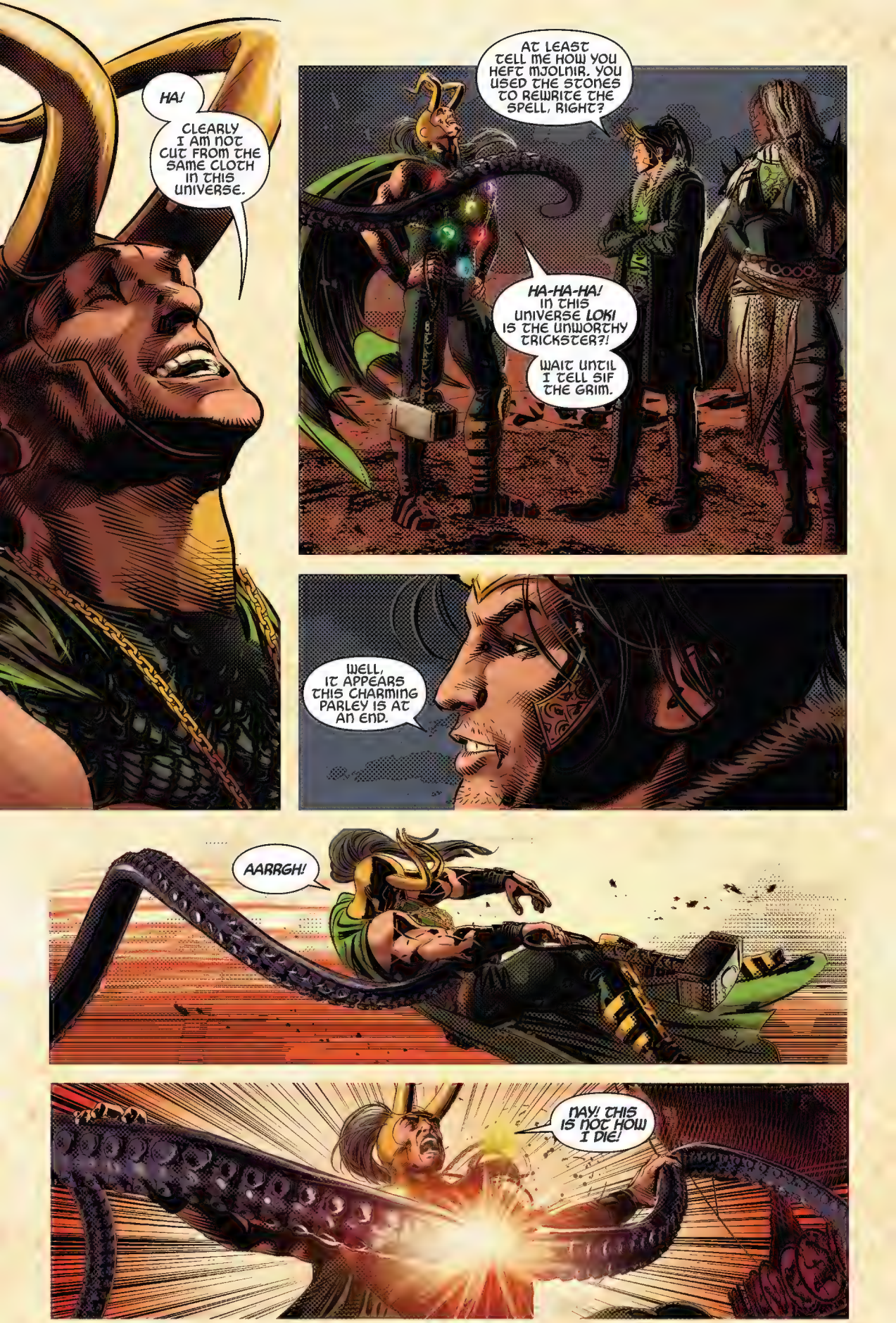
THIS IS REAL?
YES.
THANOS IS REMOVED FROM THE BOARD--BUT BY WHOM?
WHO'S THANOS?
SOME GIANT DEAD GUY, I GUESS.
THAT IS PERHAPS THE MOST UNNERVING THING WE COULD HAVE SEEN.
SORRY, BARGAIN BOWIE, I'VE SEEN SOME PRETTY UNNERVING THINGS IN MY DAY.
LET HIS HEADLESS BODY BE A WARNING TO YOU IF YOU WISH TO PURSUE YOUR CLAIM TO THE BITTER END...

"...THERE ARE OTHERS OUT THERE THAT WOULD SEEK TO MASTER THE STONES."
THIS IS THE SPOT MARKED IN HEIMDALL'S MAP OF THE STARS.
IS THE PLACE WHERE I FIND ANSWERS ABOUT WHAT VEXES ME?
IS THERE SOMEONE TRICKING ME? MANIPULATING ME FROM BEHIND A CURTAIN?
I KNOW NOT THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS, BUT I DO KNOW THAT THIS IS WHAT'S BECOME KNOWN AS THE GOD QUARRY.
THERE ARE TALES THAT THE TRUE TREASURE LIES BELOW IN THE QUARRY OF CREATION, THE GODS BEING JUST THE TOP SEDIMENT.
LOOKS LIKE THOSE WITCHES I READ ABOUT STILL SKULK ABOUT AND CALL THIS PLACE HOME. MAYBE YE CAN PUMP THEM FOR INFORMATION ON HOW YER BEING TRICKED.
GREETINGS, I AM LOKI, SON OF--
SILENCE!

INFINITY'S END
IS
HERE!
WAIT! I HAVE TO KNOW WHAT LIES BENEATH THIS PLACE--WHAT IS THE QUARRY OF CREATION?
DO LADIES OFTEN SELF-IMMOLATE TO AVOID YOU?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR--AH!

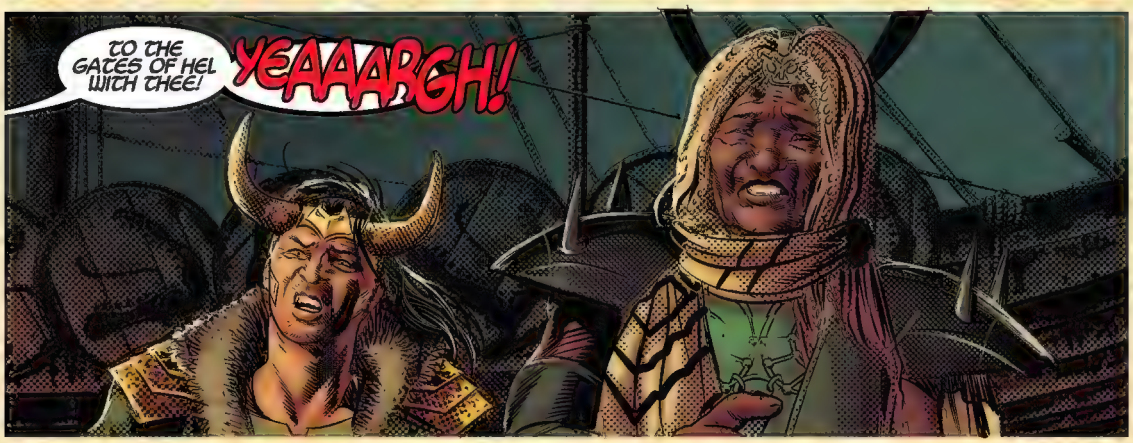
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
NOW THAT IS A FINE LOKI.
ODIN'S BLOOD!
BOOM
WH-WHERE AM I? AH.
I HATH BEEN KNOCKED CLEAR INTO ANOTHER REALITY!
AND YOU MUST BE MY COUNTERPART, LOKI ODINSON.

EH. NOT QUITE.
BUT WHERE ARE ALL YOUR INFINITY STONES?
WHERE IS YOUR MJOLNIR?
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BREACH INTO THE ORIGINAL UNIVERSE WITHOUT THEM.
WHAT HOPE HAVE YOU OF WINNING AGAINST REQUIEM AND DEVONDRA?
THIS UNIVERSE SEEMS DOOMED TO FALL, LIKE SO MANY OF THE OTHERS.
HOLD ON JUST ONE MOMENT, MY FRIEND. PERHAPS I CAN SECURE MY UNIVERSE'S FATE RIGHT NOW.
HIS STONES ONLY WORK IN HIS UNIVERSE.
NAY--I HAVE NOT TIME TO TARRY. GOOD LUCK IN YOUR WAR TO COME.
UGH. THESE DUMB RULES ABOUT WHAT ROCKS WORK IN WHICH STUPID UNIVERSE.
ONE MOMENT! PERHAPS IT'S PRE-ORDAINED THAT WE LOSE...WHAT IF YOU WERE TO HELP ME CRACK INTO THE UNIVERSE BELOW RIGHT UNDER OUR FEET?
AND ABANDON MY UNIVERSE IN ITS GREATEST HOUR OF NEED?!

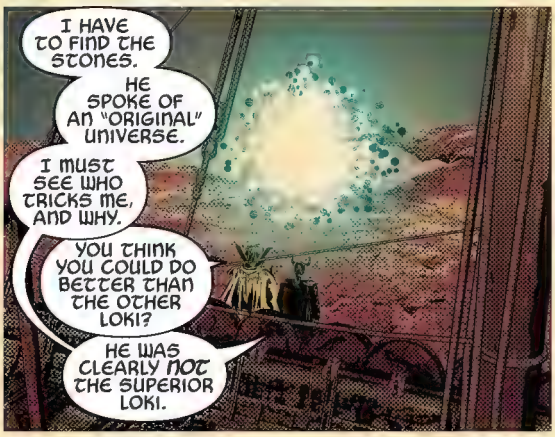

HA!
CLEARLY I AM NOT CUT FROM THE SAME CLOTH IN THIS UNIVERSE.
AT LEAST TELL ME HOW YOU HEFT MJOLNIR. YOU USED THE STONES TO REWRITE THE SPELL, RIGHT?
HA-HA-HA! IN THIS UNIVERSE LOKI IS THE UNWORTHY TRICKSTER?!
WAIT UNTIL I TELL SIF THE GRIM.
WELL, IT APPEARS THIS CHARMING PARLEY IS AT AN END.
AARRGH!
NAY! THIS IS NOT HOW I DIE!

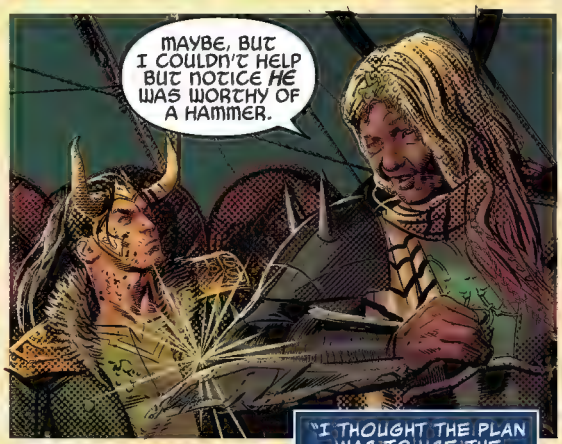
C'MON, LOKI! GET YOUR HORNS IN THE FIGHT!
FOR ODIN AND BELOVED ASGARD!
WHAT IN THE NINE REALMS IS THAT?!

IT'S A SOUL-EATER, I THINK.
CAN THEY WIN AGAINST THAT THING?


TO THE GATES OF HEL WITH THEE!
YEAAARGH!

SPLACKK


I HAVE TO FIND THE STONES.
HE SPOKE OF AN "ORIGINAL" UNIVERSE.
I MUST SEE WHO TRICKS ME, AND WHY.
YOU THINK YOU COULD DO BETTER THAN THE OTHER LOKI?
HE WAS CLEARLY NOT THE SUPERIOR LOKI.


MAYBE, BUT I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE HE WAS WORTHY OF A HAMMER.
"I THOUGHT THE PLAN WAS TO USE THE STONES TOGETHER..."

...TO HELP PEOPLE.
IF THAT'S NOT THE PLAN THEN WHO CARES IF AN INFINITY STONE STAYS ON EARTH?
BESIDES, THERE'S ALWAYS SOME HORRIBLE SITUATION THAT NEEDS HANDLING ON THIS HELLHOLE.
MAYBE A MAGIC ROCK WOULD HELP YOU GUYS CLEAN THINGS UP BEFORE THE REST OF GALAXY HAD TO GET INVOLVED. TAKE A HOT MOP TO THIS PLACE, YOU SLOBS.
HEY! SHUT THE @#$% UP ABOUT OUR PLANET!
THIS IS A GREAT PLANET. THE BEST PLANET YOU COULD BE ON.
THE STONES MUST LEAVE EARTH.
TURK, YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE.
AND NOW THAT I'M USING THE MIND STONE AGAIN, WHICH IS A TERRIBLE NAME, BY THE WAY--BUT NOW THAT I'M USING IT--I KNOW "HAN FAUXLO" HERE IS FAKING! THAT STONE HE HAS IS A DUD.

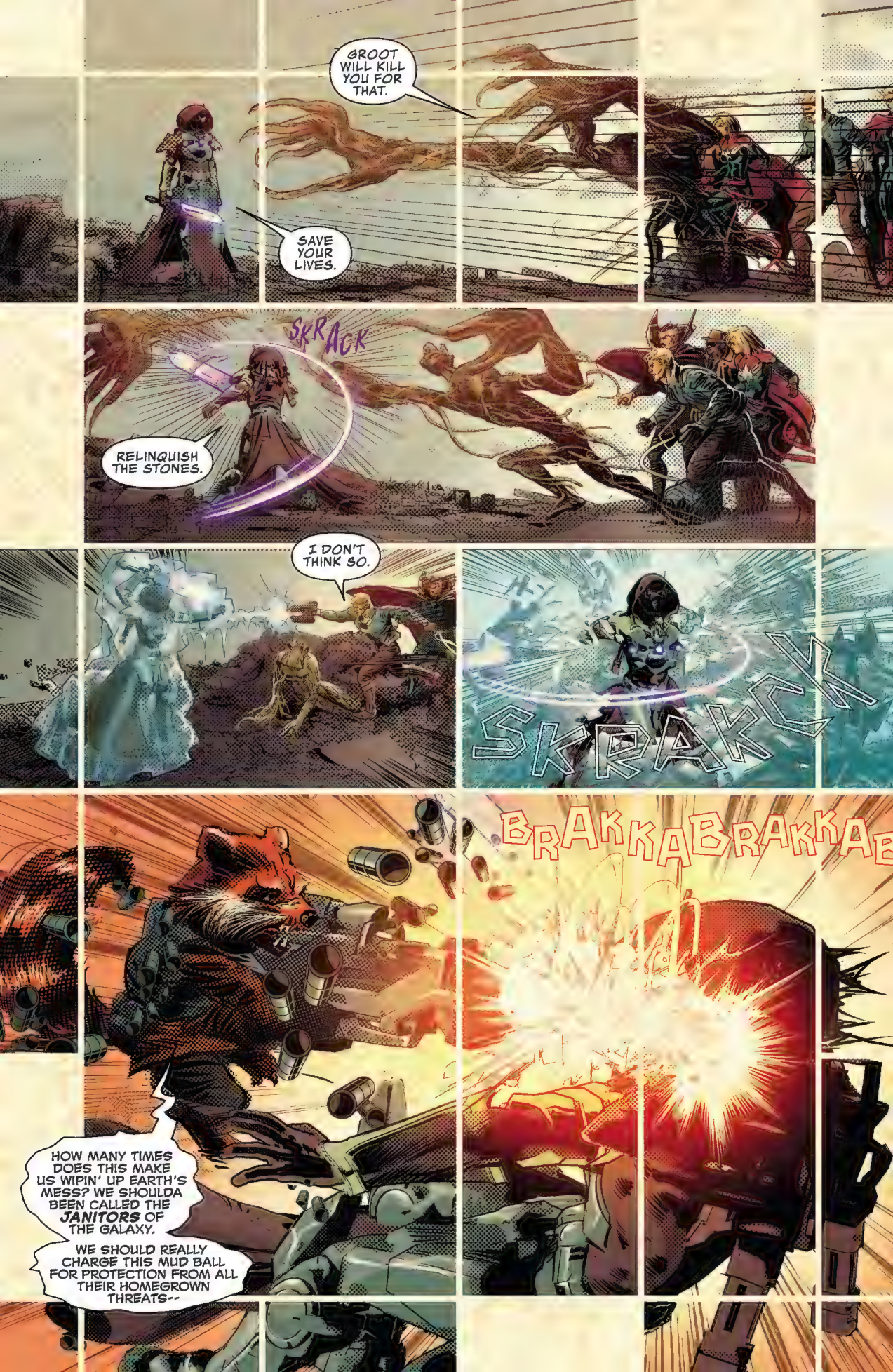
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THIS IS--
OH.
CRAP.
WHAT HAPPENED?!
DID WE GET HORNSWOGGLED?
WHERE'S GAMORA?
WHERE IS THE STONE?
IT'S A TRAP!
GROOT WILL GET DIRT-MAN!
WAIT--TURK, YOU SAID YOU COULD HEAR THROUGH THE STONE--DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?
YEAH...
UP.

THEY UNCORKED THE VIOLENCE DOWN THERE--SHALL WE?
THIS IS EXACTLY AS KING THOR DESCRIBED.
I TOLD STEPHEN HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE MIND STONE.
SKRABOOM
AAARGH!
STARK!
BE READY, AVENGERS--

"...YOU HAVE INCOMING FROM ABOVE!"
DAMMIT, TURK! YOU WILL REGRET THIS!
WHERE'S THAT RED-HEADED ASSASSIN?
YIELD OR BE DESTROYED!
UGHN!

GIVE ME THE STONES, AND NO ONE ELSE WILL NEED TO PAY THE PRICE.
BOOM
I DON'T INTEND HARM.
TRUST ME BY MY DEEDS.

WHO ARE YOU?
THANOS SAID I WAS CONDUCTING HIS REQUIEM...
...THAT'S AS GOOD A NAME AS ANY.
BOOM
SKRASHK


GROOT WILL KILL YOU FOR THAT.
SAVE YOUR LIVES.
SKRACK
RELINQUISH THE STONES.
I DON'T THINK SO.
SKRAK
BRAKKABRAKKAB
HOW MANY TIMES DOES THIS MAKE US WIPIN' UP EARTH'S MESS? WE SHOULDA BEEN CALLED THE JANITORS OF THE GALAXY.
WE SHOULD REALLY CHARGE THIS MUD BALL FOR PROTECTION FROM ALL THEIR HOMEGROWN THREATS--

OH--HI, GAMORA.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
I TRIED IT THE NICE WAY, PETER.
CAREFUL, STAR-LORD--THE POWER STONE IS IN THE HILT OF HER SWORD.
I GOT THIS, DOC.

LISTEN, GAMORA!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS?
YOUR FATHER IS THANOS! HE KIDNAPPED YOU AND RAISED YOU. HOW DO YOU KNOW HE DIDN'T *PROGRAM* YOU TO DO THIS?

THANOS IS GONE. I WILL OPEN THE STONE TO FIX WHAT'S BROKEN.
NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY!

OR WHAT?
YOU'RE *NOT* GOING TO KILL ME.

NOTHING EVER DIES, PETER.

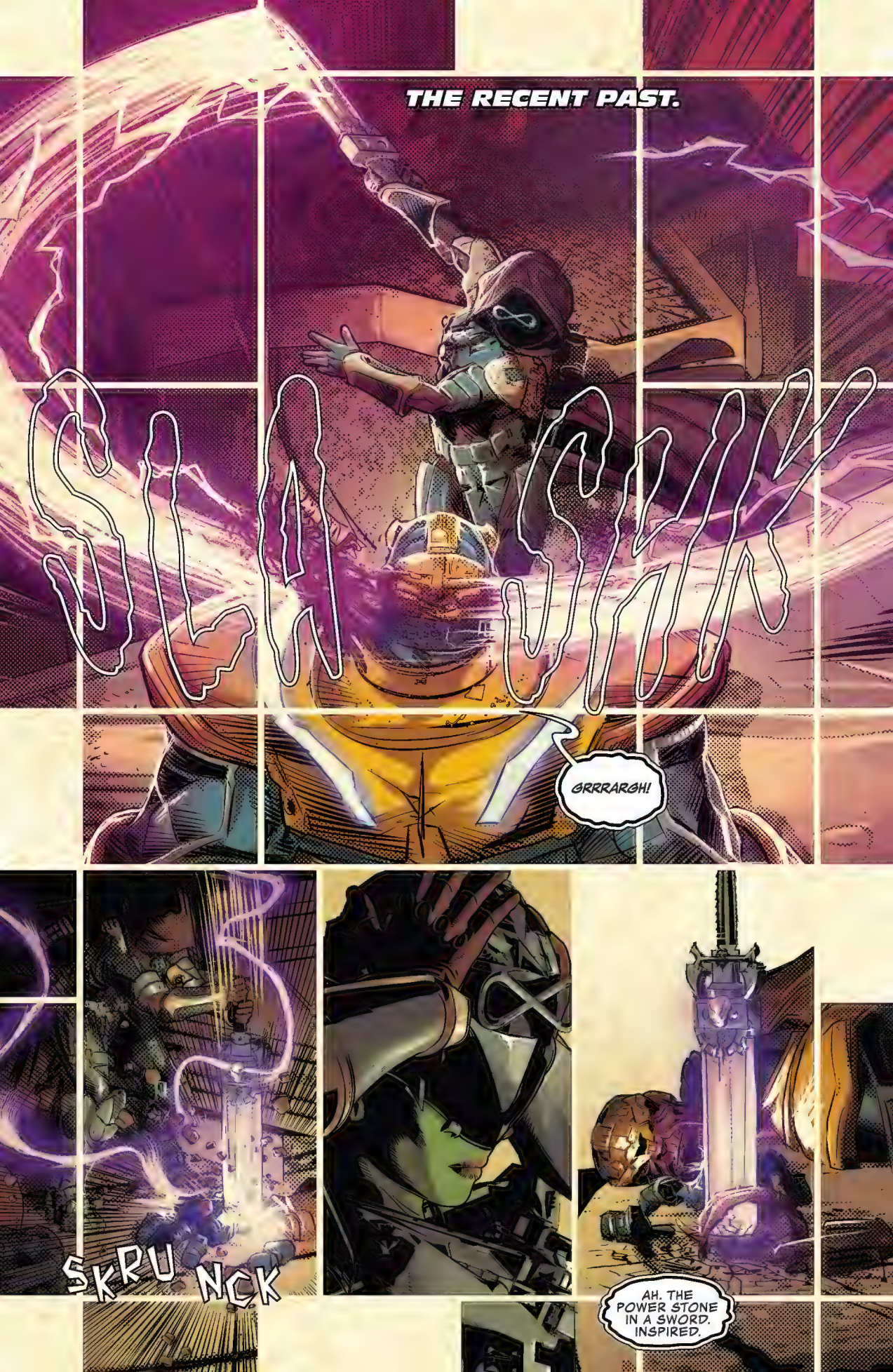
INFINITY WARS 2

THE DISTANT PAST.
WHY DID YOU DO THIS?
THE UNIVERSE HAS A NATURAL ORDER, GAMORA.
ONLY THE STRONGEST LIFE SURVIVES.
UGHM...
AND FATE WILL TEST LIFE FROM THE CRADLE...
...TO THE GRAVE.
THWACKK

THE UNIVERSE WORKS THROUGH ME.
BUT YOU WON'T LIVE FOREVER. YOU TOLD ME THAT WHEN MY PARENTS WERE KILLED.
BUT YOU CHOOSE TO KILL, YOU'RE NOT--

NO.
THERE IS ONE WAY TO ACHIEVE IMMORTALITY.
TO FATHER CHILDREN.
WE CREATE, SUSTAIN AND HELP SHAPE THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN, AND THEN WE LIVE AGAIN IN THEIR CREATIONS.
BUT SOMEDAY SOMEONE WILL TRY TO STOP YOU-- AND THEY'LL WIN.
YOU'RE RIGHT...

...SOMEWHERE OUT THERE THE UNIVERSE IS MOLDING THE SPECIAL SOUL THAT IS FATED TO KILL ME.


THE RECENT PAST.
SCAR OAK
GRRRARGH!
SKRU NCK
AH. THE POWER STONE IN A SWORD. INSPIRED.

I IMAGINED YOU WOULD BE MORE UPSET.
IF MY TIME IS OVER, THEN I'M GLAD IT WAS MY FAVORITE DAUGHTER...
...WHO WROTE MY END.
HNH.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING THE NEW WARRIOR QUEEN OF THE CHITAURI.
I HAVE NO NEED FOR THEM.
THEY MAY DIE.
WE WILL SPEAK NO MORE, FATHER.
DON'T BE SO SURE OF THAT.
I TAKE IT WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE LOATHSOME RABBLE YOU CALL "FRIENDS"?
HEH.
REMEMBER, LOVE IS AN IMPEDIMENT TO EVERY AMBITION.

THE PRESENT.
GET OUT OF MY WAY, PETER!
OR WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KILL ME.
:SIGH:

HELLO SID, NANCY. SORRY TO INTERRUPT.
LUCKY FOR YOU, MR. QUILL, I WIELD THE TIME STONE.
ALWAYS-- UNGHN--LIFT A PATIENT WITH THE KNEES.
I'LL DEAL WITH YOU IN A MOMENT, GAMORA.

GROOT'S FRIEND QUILL IS INJURED?
NOT ANYMORE.
DI-DID GAMORA JUST ACTUALLY KILL ME?!
OH MY, YES.
RIGHT AFTER YOU DARED HER NOT TO.
IN ANOTHER UNIVERSE YOU'RE DEAD FOREVER.
I'M STILL NOT SURE WE'RE ALL GOING TO SURVIVE THIS.
SORRY, BLOOD CANNOT SIMPLY BE UNFLUNG. IT HAS TO GO ON SOMEONE. BACK TO YOU.
SPLAK

THIS IS NUTS. WE SHOULD BAIL.
WHERE'D FREDDIE MERCURY AN' HIS WIGGLY FINGERS GO?
LOOK OUT, TURK!
AW, CRAP!
STEP INTO MY OFFICE, MR. BARRETT.
WHOA!

WHATEVER YOU DO--DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING WHILE YOU'RE HERE.
I FIGURED YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WOULD JUST TRY TO JUMP THIS ROCK OUTTA MY HAND.
DON'T THINK WE HAVEN'T CONSIDERED IT. AND YOU'RE VERY WELCOME FOR SAVING YOUR LIFE A MOMENT AGO.
I COULD USE MY STONE TO MAKE YOU GIVE ME YOUR STONE.
WHAT THE HELL, MAN? YOU DIDN'T...
...DOSE ME, DID YOU?

HOLD STILL-- IT'S TRYING TO DEVOUR YOUR JOY.
WHY THE CANE?
IT BELONGED TO THE KINGPIN. I HAD THIS WHOLE PLAN WHEN I SAW HIM THAT HE WAS GONNA BEAT HIMSELF WITH IT THE WAY HE USED TO BEAT ME AND--
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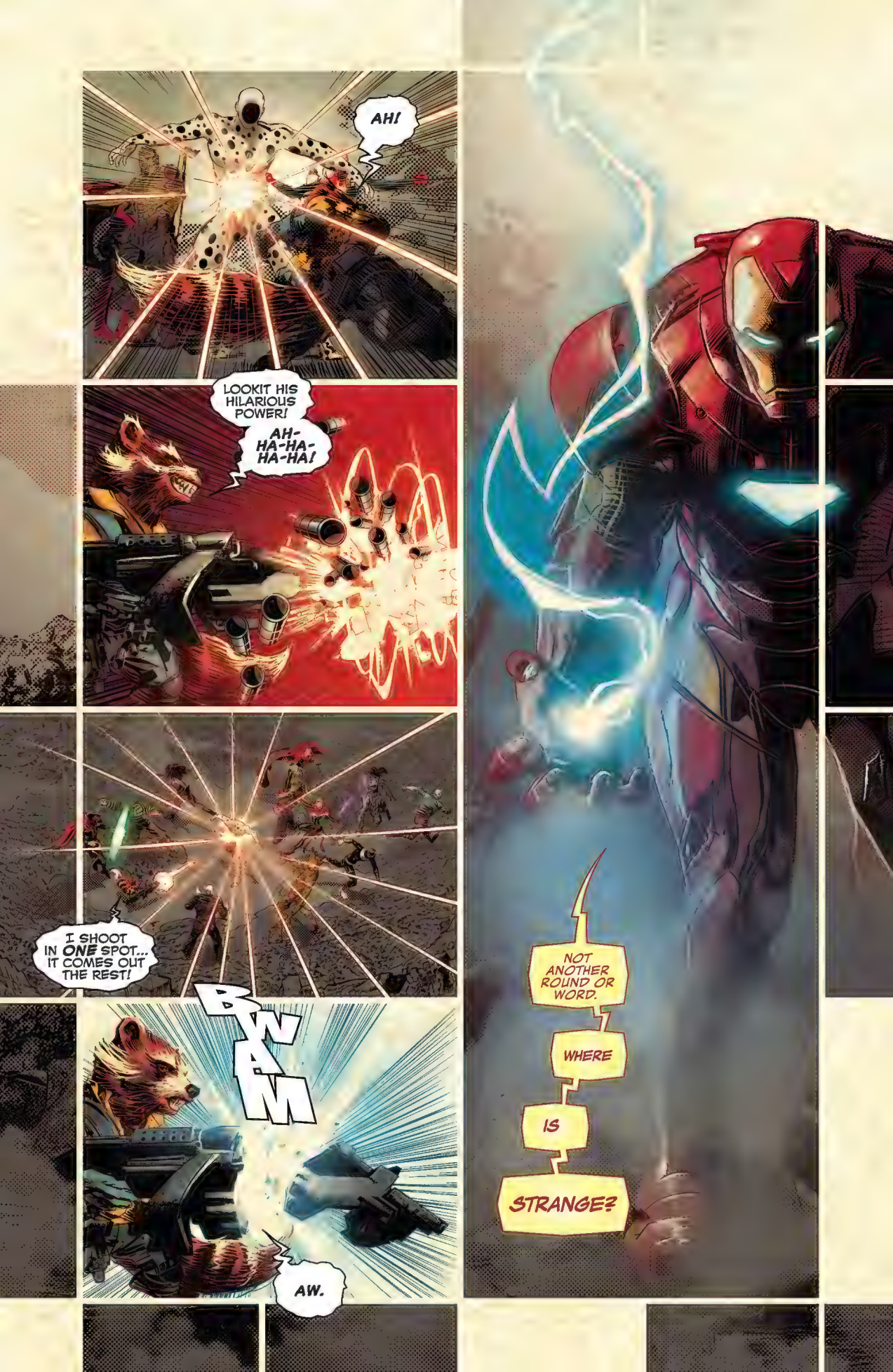
I BANISHED IT.
DO YOU BELIEVE IN FATE, TURK?
MAYBE. YES? NO.
I DUNNO WHAT I BELIEVE IN ANYMORE.
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT: I BELIEVE IN ME.
I TRY NOT TO TEMPT FATE UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
YOU WERE CLEARLY FATED TO HOLD THAT STONE...

...UNTIL NOW.
I NEED TO GET THE ROCKS OFF EARTH BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
THIS IS HAPPENING BACK AT THE PARK.
YOU AMASSED A FORTUNE WITH THE MIND STONE.
SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT YOUR MONEY. IT WON'T BE ANY GOOD IN THE FIGHT AT OUR DOOR.
AFTER I DISCOVERED YOU WITH THE STONE I WAS IMPRESSED HOW FAST YOU SNIFFED OUT WHERE THE REAL MONEY IS: THE STOCK MARKET.
WELL, YOU CAN'T GET BUSTED FOR INSIDER TRADING IF YOU'RE JUST HEARING SECRETS JUMP INTO YOUR HEAD.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW IT WORKS, MR. BARRETT. YOU'VE GAMBLED AND *WON*. BUT--
BUT WINNING STREAKS NEVER LAST. I GET IT.
AND YOUR MONEY WILL BE WORTHLESS TO THESE OPPONENTS.
THEY'LL TAKE THE ROCK AND THEY'LL KILL YOU.
OR YOU COULD WALK AWAY NOW A TREMENDOUS WINNER.
LEAVE THE TABLE AND TAKE YOUR CHANCES WITH THE HOUSE WHEN THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE SPINS AGAIN. YOU KEEP YOUR MONEY *AND* YOUR LIFE.
SOLD. ON ONE CONDITION: SWEETEN THE DEAL. YOU OWE ME A *MARKER*.
I GET A FAVOR THAT I CAN CALL IN AT ANY TIME.
IF THIS WEREN'T INFINITY'S END...
VERY WELL, MR. BARRETT. I OWE YOU...A FAVOR.
IF WE'RE BOTH ALIVE.

WHAT HAPPENS NO-- WHOA!
AW MAN, WHAT IF I SOLD LOW, AND HE PUNKED ME?
AH!
HOLY--
BADOOM

NOW THAT I GOT ALL YER ATTENTION, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT--
I SHOT MY MOUTH OFF PRETTY GOOD ABOUT THIS BEING ANOTHER EARTH DEBACLE.
SORRY ABOUT THAT. THIS ONE IS OUR BAD. WE'LL JUST HAVE A QUIET TEAM MEETING, AND LEAVE THIS HELLHOLE.
LOOK AT THE DESTRUCTION YOU HAVE ALREADY CAUSED!
HELP ME OPEN THE SOUL GEM AND THIS CAN ALL END!
WHEN I TOUCHED THE SOUL GEM I SAW THE HORROR WITHIN!
WHUD
WHERE'S TURK?!
UGHN!
WHEN I SEE HIM, WHOM SHALL I SAY I MURDERED?


AH!
LOOKIT HIS HILARIOUS POWER!
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
I SHOOT IN ONE SPOT... IT COMES OUT THE REST!
BWAM
AW.
NOT ANOTHER ROUND OR WORD.
WHERE
IS
STRANGE?

GAMORA!
IF YOU DO NOT DROP THE POWER STONE I WILL--
--DO NOTHING.
SLASHK
AAAGH!
MAYBE WE SHOULD PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY. HE LIVED ONLY TO KILL ME, AND THAT JOB IS DONE.
MY "FRIEND."
SHUT UP!
THERE IS NO "WE"!
YOU'RE DEAD!

DRAX!!!
GROOT IS CONFUSED.
THIS ISN'T HER. IT HAS TO BE HIM.
COULD THANOS BE--
YES.
I DUNNO WHAT HAPPENED TO TURK OR WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS NIGHT. HE TOLD ME WE WERE GOING TO A FANCY CASTLE AND THERE WAS GONNA BE A NICE SPREAD. THIS SU--
POP
WHUDD
UGHN!
NAT.
NICE FINISH, CAP.
BOOM
ACHHHHHHUCHHKHUFFUFFUNH.

WHAM
THIS IS MADNESS!
CAPTAIN MARVEL, I'M SORRY--
--BUT I NEED TO PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN GAMORA AND THE SOUL GEM.
WARLOCK--YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
ZAP
BWAM
CHOOM
UGHN!

WARLOCK, STICK AROUND, PLEASE. BUT I THINK GAMORA SHOULD DROP THE SWORD AND *LEAVE* EARTH.
I OWE HER ONE.
YES, YOU DO.

AAAGH!
KABOOM
YOU CAN DROP THE SWORD NOW--
--OR IT CAN FALL FROM YOUR HAND WHEN YOU ASPHYXIATE.
YOU. RETREAT. DO I NEED TO GIVE A SPEECH?
NO, SIR.
CAP, GIMME A SHOT TO TALK TO HER BEFORE--
WE TRIED THAT, QUILL.
NOW STEP BACK.

GAMORA HELD HER OWN-- UNTIL SHE COULDN'T HOLD HER BREATH.
WELL DONE.
DOCTOR STRANGE-- RESTRAIN GAMORA.
THIS FEELS LIKE AN OCCASION FOR THE CRIMSON BANDS OF CYTTORAK.
YOU CAN HAVE THE POWER STONE, BUT WE'RE TAKING GAMORA BACK TO SPACE. END OF DISCUSSION.
I DON'T LIKE THAT. THERE NEEDS TO BE CONSEQUENCES FOR THIS.

OKAY, FINE-- WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR WHAT SHE'S DONE SO FAR? LET'S SEE. SHE KILLED THANOS.
WHAT TIME'S THE PARADE?
TAP TAP TAP
YOU'RE NOT THINKING THIS THROUGH, PETER.
:SIGH:
DAMN YOU. I DIDN'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN.
IT'S GAMORA! SHE HAS THE REALITY--

NYAAAAAARG!
FROM START TO FINISH IT TOOK WEEKS TO SECURE THE POWER STONE.
I HELD REALITY WITHIN MINUTES.
THEN SECONDS LATER I HAD TIME AND MIND.
NYAA--GAK!
WARLOCK! I WOULD SPEAK WITH YOU...
HNNGAAH..

...BUT I KNOW YOU WILL DIE BEFORE YIELDING.
SO LET'S GET ON WITH IT.
YOU'LL COME BACK, ANYWAY.
YOU ALWAYS DO.

POP
GET THE SOUL STONE OUT OF HERE.
THEY DON'T REALIZE IT'S OVER.
STOP.
THE TIME STONE IS QUITE HELPFUL.
AND NOW... SPACE.
ALL OF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.
I'M SORRY.

THERE IT IS. THE DOORWAY IS BEFORE ME.
WHY DO I HESITATE?
GO AHEAD.
TAKE YOUR PRIZE. NOTHING BAD WILL HAPPEN, AND IF IT DOES... YOU CAN ALWAYS *UNDO* IT.
HEH. ONCE AGAIN TRAPPED IN TIME, ROGERS.

AFTER MONTHS OF PLOTTING, I OPEN THE SOUL GEM.
THEY SAID ALL THIS WAS THE DESIGN OF THANOS.
THAT IS AN OLD STORY.
IT IS NOT OURS.
FINALLY, WE ARE WHOLE.
REUNITING WITH THE PIECE OF ME THAT WAS LOST WAS NOT THE HARD PART. NOW THE SOUL GEM MUST BE REBALANCED
I KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE NOW. DEVONDRA MUST FEED.
STAY YOUR HAND FOR A MOMENT...

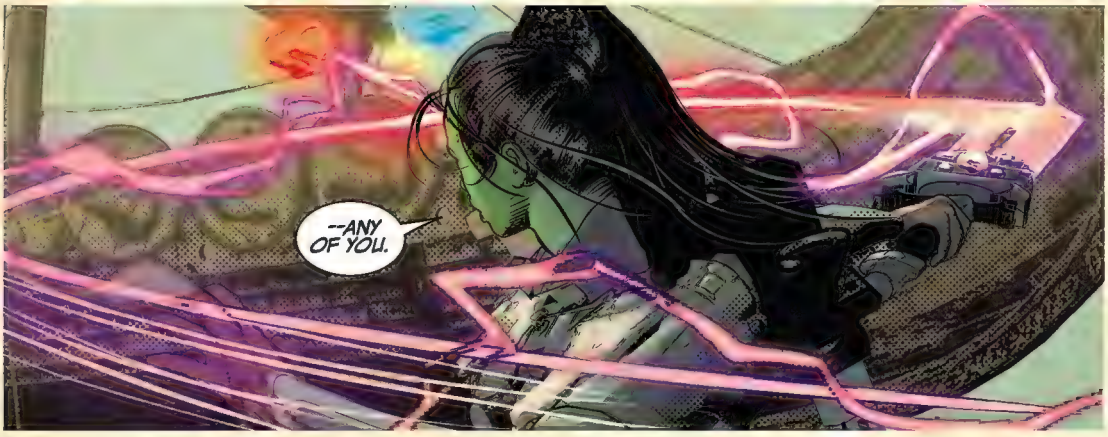
...THAT MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY.
AHOY THERE.
I AM LOKI, PRINCE OF ASGARD. THIS IS MY BIOGRAPHER, FLOWA. I'D LIKE TO OFFER YOU SOME COUNSEL.

INFINITY WARS 3

WAIT! DON'T KILL ME!
GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON, TRICKSTER.
HA HA!
OH, FINALLY I MIGHT HAVE A STORY TO TELL!
FLOWA, YOU DO REALIZE IF "REQUIEM" HERE SLAYS ME THAT YOU ARE NEXT.
WELL, LOKI, AT LEAST ONE OF US WILL FACE OUR END LIKE A MAN.

I AM A GOD!
I ALREADY KILLED ONE TODAY...WHY NOT ANOTHER?
I KNOW A SECRET YOU DON'T.
THIS SAME STORY IS PLAYING OUT IN OTHER REALITIES, IN OTHER WAYS. THE HEROES--THEY GET THE STONES BACK--I'VE SEEN IT.
I DON'T OFTEN SAY THIS, BUT YOU REALLY MUST BELIEVE ME.
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
AH.
YOU WERE JUST AT THE GOD QUARRY--NO, THERE'S SOMETHING UNDER THAT. THE QUARRY OF CREATION?

VERY SMART. I, THANOS OF TITAN, WOULD ALSO TAKE LOKI AT HIS WORD.
I DON'T TRUST--


--ANY OF YOU.

I UNDERSTAND. BUT THE PAST IS IN THE PAST.
HOWEVER, I SAW THE PROOF AT THE QUARRY.
YOU KNOW, YOU COULD USE THE STONES TO PEER INTO THE NEXT THREAD OF REALITY.
I'M SURE YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT YOURSELF.

QUIET.
ARE YOU SURE THERE'S NOT...AN UNSEEN PUPPET MASTER PULLING YOUR STRINGS?
WELL, EVERYONE IS HAVING THEIR TROUBLES.

"IN THE NEXT UNIVERSE IT SEEMS GAMORA AND REQUIEM AREN'T EVEN A SINGLE ENTITY."
I'M ONLY MASTER OF *THIS* UNIVERSE. I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT LOSING CONTROL HERE...
...ESPECIALLY BECAUSE PHYLA AND MOONDRAGON ARE BOTH *DEAD* HERE, AND NOT BY MY HAND.
HOWEVER, I'M INTRIGUED BY THE BOUNDARY AT THE QUARRY OF CREATION...I WILL INVESTIGATE WHY I CANNOT SEE BEYOND THAT PLACE.
I'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOU.

I KNOW THE WAY.
GO AHEAD. I KNOW YOU HAVE THE STONES. I'LL BE HERE WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.
HA. NO.
THE REST OF YOU ARE GOING INTO THE STONE.
I RELEASE TIME.

LOKI?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JUST TRYING TO HELP, BROTHER.
ENTER THE SOUL GEM, AND FACE JUDGMENT.
THE STRONG WILL BE REMADE.
WOW. I PICKED A BAD MOMENT TO SPACE. WHAT'D I MISS?
GAMORA'S TAKING OVER THE FAMILY BUSINESS.
WHO'S GAMORA?
JUST PUNCH WHOEVER I PUNCH IN A SECOND.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO INTERFERE...WHEN YOU'RE CHAINED TO EACH OTHER.
BY THE HOARY HOSTS--
STOP HER!
IF SOMEONE WERE GOING TO STOP ME IT WOULD HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED, CAPTAIN.
I'LL SEE YOU IN THE NEXT WORLD.

I SAW THE UNIVERSE AS TOO BIG.
IT NEEDED TO BE TAMED.
PRUNED BACK.
HOWEVER, I MISCALCULATED.

DEATH IS NOT ALWAYS THE END OF A STORY.
I THINK YOU'RE PLAYING THIS VERY SMART.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK.
I'M NOT YOU--
SNAP
--AND YOU'RE NOT HERE.

THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT THIS TIME.

I'M FOLDING THE UNIVERSE IN HALF.

HOW?

THE SOUL GEM IS JUST A DOOR.

YEARS AGO,
IN THE NEWLY CREATED WARP WORLD.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
'SPLAIN IT TO ME LIKE AH'M SLOW, EDGAR.
WELL, SIR, IT'S ABOUT PROFESSOR ERSKINE.
IT SEEMS HER SO-CALLED "SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM" WAS A FRAUD.
AFTER SHE WAS SHOT BY THE SPY, WE DISCOVERED ERSKINE WAS NOT THE... "MAN OF SCIENCE" WE THOUGHT SHE WAS.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, I THOUGHT SHE SUCCEEDED BEFORE SHE WAS SHOT.
NOT EXACTLY. PERHAPS I SHOULD SHOW YOU TO HER PRIVATE LAB.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD.

WHAT IN THE DEVIL IS THIS?
WELL, SHE PROMISED SHE WOULD DELIVER A SOLDIER THAT COULD END THE WAR.

SHE JUST LIED ABOUT WHERE HE WAS COMING FROM.

BURN EVERYTHING.
I WANT TO MEET HIM. WHAT'S HE LIKE?

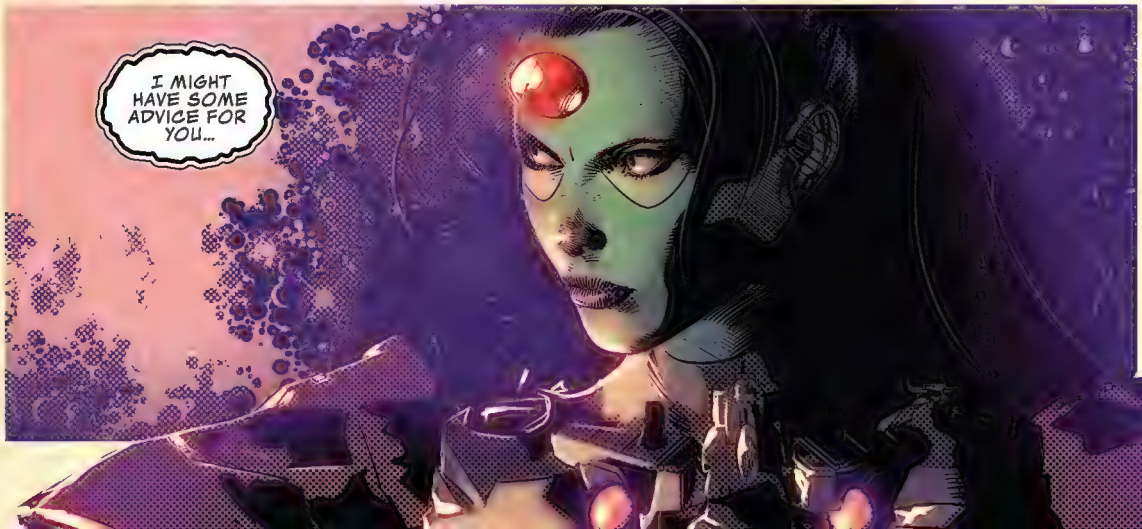
HE'S AS CONFUSED AS WE ARE.

PRIVATE STEPHEN ROGERS REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR.
ONCE I, UH--GET MY POWERS SORTED, SIR.
FWOOSH

EXCUSE US A MOMENT, SON.

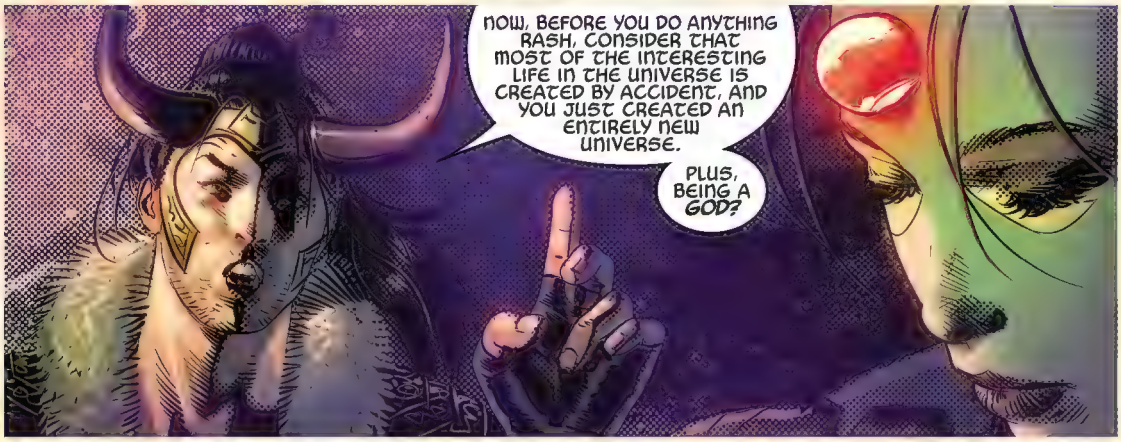
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? WE WERE JUST SUPPOSED TO GET A SUPER-SOLDIER, NOT SOME HALLOWEEN FREAK SHOW.
IT'S HIGHLY UNUSUAL, AND I DON'T HAVE AN EXPLANATION FOR IT.

HUHN. THAT IS NOT WHAT I INTENDED.
WIELDED MUCH POWER COSMIC, HAVE YE?


I MIGHT HAVE SOME ADVICE FOR YOU...

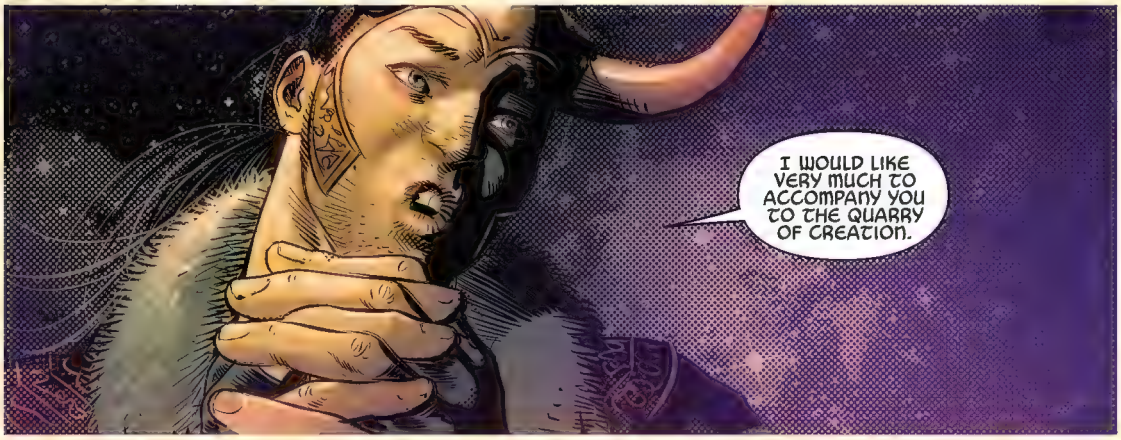
YOUR ATTEMPTS TO WIELD THE INFINITY STONES WERE A STRING OF BLUNDERS CAPPED BY YOUR DEATH. MAYBE YOU SHOULD SHUT UP.
THERE ARE MANY DEATHS.

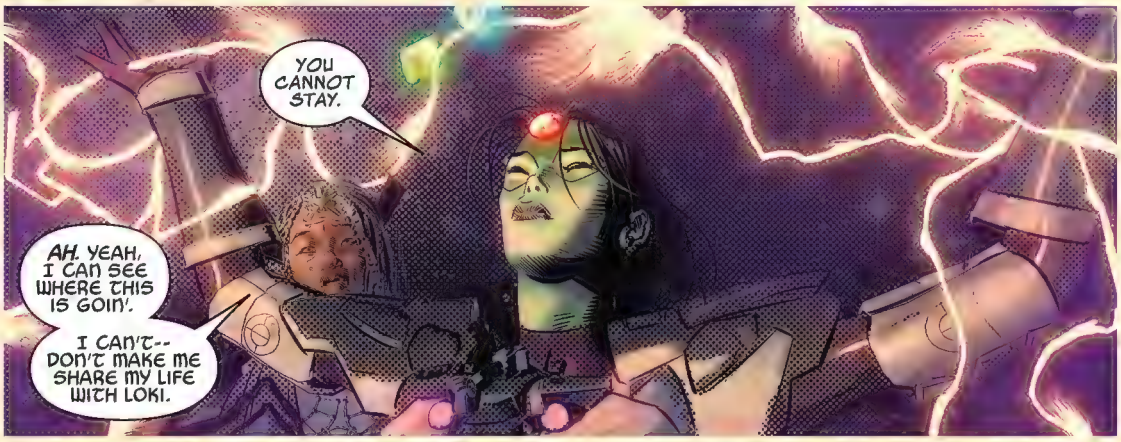
I WONDER WHICH YOU WILL CALL UPON YOURSELF.
I WILL HEAR YOU NO MORE.


NOW, BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING RASH, CONSIDER THAT MOST OF THE INTERESTING LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE IS CREATED BY ACCIDENT, AND YOU JUST CREATED AN ENTIRELY NEW UNIVERSE.
PLUS, BEING A GOD?

NOT SO BAD.

AND NOW THAT YOU'VE WARPED THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE INTO A GIANT MESS, YOUR ENEMIES WILL HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY PULLING THEMSELVES APART.


I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE QUARRY OF CREATION.


YOU CANNOT STAY.
AH. YEAH, I CAN SEE WHERE THIS IS GOIN'.
I CAN'T-- DON'T MAKE ME SHARE MY LIFE WITH LOKI.

YOU SHOULD BE SO LUCKY, FLOWA!
GAMORA, PLEASE DON'T DROP ME INTO THIS FREAK SHOW.

IRON HAMMER.

"TONY STARK PLUS THOR--MY LIVER IS DAMAGED JUST THINKING ABOUT IT.

"WEAPON HEX. WHO DOESN'T LOVE MAGIC AND STABBING?

WEAPON HEX.

ARACHKNIGHT.

"THE ARACHKNIGHT. ALL THE INEPTITUDE OF BOTH SPIDER-MAN AND MOON KNIGHT WRAPPED INTO ONE SOUL.

GHOST PANTHER.

SOLDIER SUPREME.

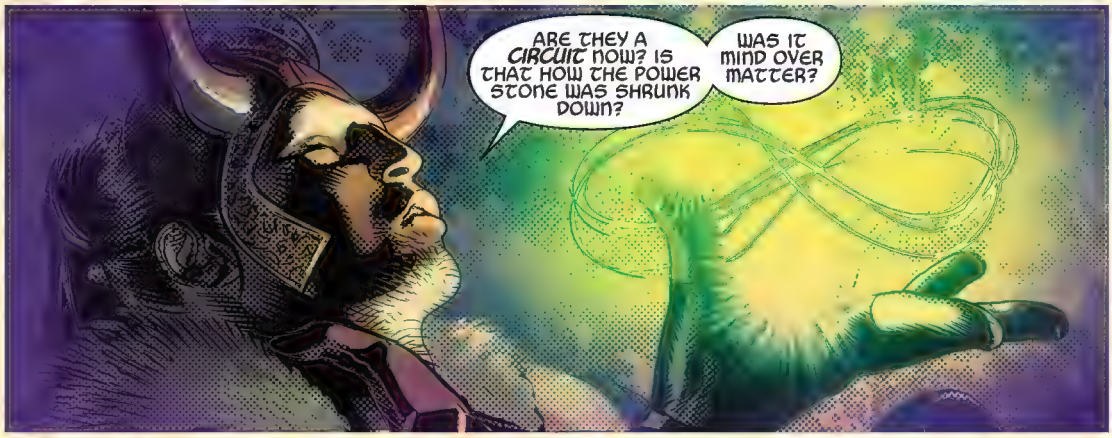
"STEPHEN ROGERS. THE SOLDIER SUPREME. HE CAN'T DO PROPER PULL-UPS OR MAGIC MISSILES.

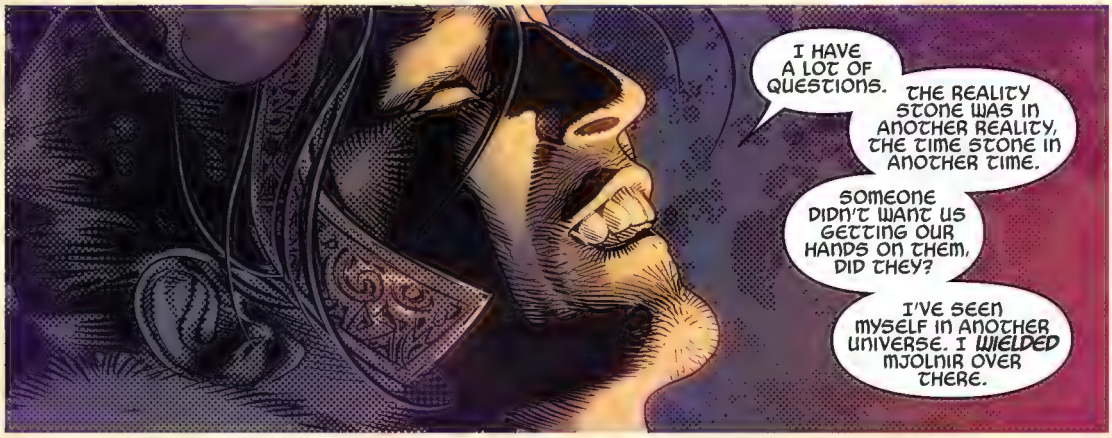
"AND...THE OTHERS!

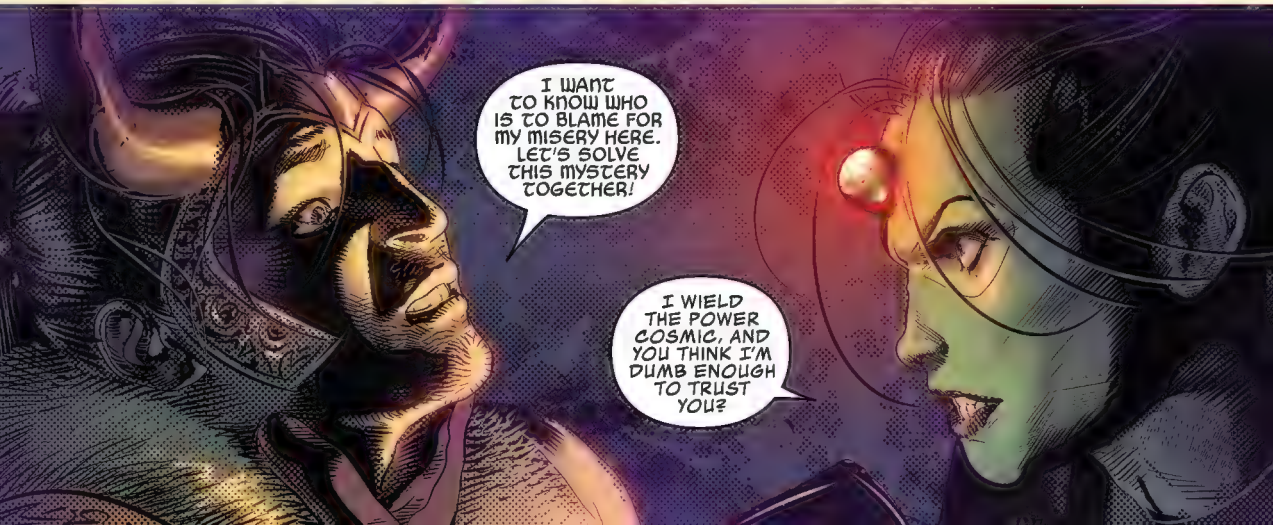
"WHAT A SPECTACLE! BUT WHAT I FIND INTERESTING IS..."

...YOU.
YOUR FATHER ONCE CUT THE NUMBER OF SOULS IN THE UNIVERSE BY HALF...
...AND NOW YOU HAVE DONE THE EXACT SAME THING.
BUT MUCH MORE CREATIVELY, OF COURSE.
BUT YOU'VE CONSIDERED THIS ALREADY, HAVEN'T YOU?
DID WE?
YOU HAVE A GENUINE ADVANTAGE OVER YOUR FATHER.
YOU HAVE ME, AND MEPHISTO ISN'T HERE TO WOBBLE YOU OFF YOUR AXIS.

I AM NOT MY FATHER. I WILL NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES.
EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT NOW.
URK!
BUT WHY ARE THE INFINITY STONES DIFFERENT NOW?


ARE THEY A CIRCUIT NOW? IS THAT HOW THE POWER STONE WAS SHRUNK DOWN?
WAS IT MIND OVER MATTER?


I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
THE REALITY STONE WAS IN ANOTHER REALITY, THE TIME STONE IN ANOTHER TIME.
SOMEONE DIDN'T WANT US GETTING OUR HANDS ON THEM, DID THEY?
I'VE SEEN MYSELF IN ANOTHER UNIVERSE. I WIELDED MJOLNIR OVER THERE.


I WANT TO KNOW WHO IS TO BLAME FOR MY MISERY HERE. LET'S SOLVE THIS MYSTERY TOGETHER!
I WIELD THE POWER COSMIC, AND YOU THINK I'M DUMB ENOUGH TO TRUST YOU?

I REALLY MUST INSIST THAT IF YOU MUSH ME TOGETHER WITH THAT PICAROON, THEN I'D MUCH PREFER YOU JUST ERASE ME FROM THIS REALITY.
YOU'RE CHRONICLING EVENTS. WHY?
I'VE NEVER WRITTEN A BOOK, AND THIS MIGHT BE MY ONLY CHANCE TO FINALLY LEAVE A BOOK BEHIND.
YOU MAY ACCOMPANY ME.

LOKI MAY NOT.
NO, WAIT! PLEASE! LET ME RETURN TO THE QUARRY OF CREATION WITH YOU! I CAN--
NO! DON'T LEAVE ME IN HERE WITH THESE FREAKS!
OOF!

HEH.
HEH-HEH.

HA-HA-
HA!

I KNOW
JUST WHERE
TO BEGIN.

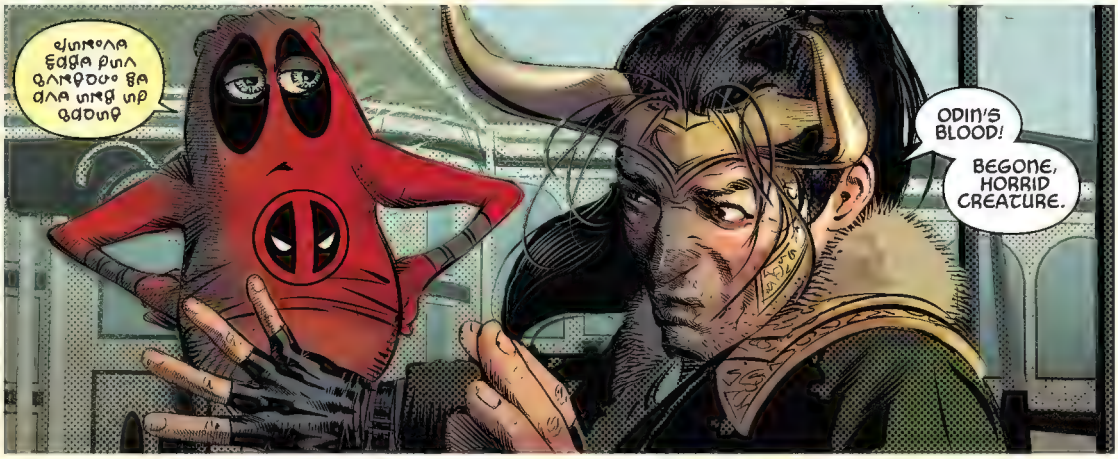
YOU THERE,
WHERE DO THE
X-MEN DWELL?
GET
A JOB,
DRUGGIE.

THE CITY'S GOING TO HELL.
NO @#$%.
AH! GEEZ!
HEY, WHA--
"THIS IS INTERESTING."

I CAN TELL BY THE CARBON ATOMS I SEE-- THIS PLACE IS OLD.
SO-- WHAT HAPPENS TO EVERYONE THAT YOU'VE STUCK TOGETHER IN SOUL WORLD?
DEVONDRA LIVES AT THE HEART OF SOUL WORLD...
...SHE'S THE REASON THE GEM HAS ALWAYS HUNGERED. AFTER HER BELLY IS FILLED I WILL CREATE A NEW BRANCH OF REALITY.
BUT NOT UNTIL I LEARN THE SECRETS OF THIS PLACE.
THERE'S A FLOOR BENEATH US THAT I CAN'T SEE INTO.
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY IMPEDIMENT TO MY SIGHT.
I NEED TO DIG.

THERE'S A MILLION MILLENNIA OF DEAD GODS UNDER OUR FEET.
WE HAVE NOTHING BUT TIME.
"HELLOOOO-- IS ANYBODY HOME?"

HELLO?


ODIN'S BLOOD!
BEGONE, HORRID CREATURE.

GO!

SORRY, I GUESS LI'L EVIL DOOPOOL LOST HIS PANTS AGAIN?
UH...

WELL, NOW. THIS IS UNEXPECTED. YOU'RE LOGAN AND EMMA, AREN'T YOU?
LOOK, DARLING, WHATEVER YOU'RE SELLING-- I'M NOT INTERESTED.
IS YOUR NAME DIAMOND PATCH? CRAZY CLAWS?
I CAN'T ABIDE RUDENESS.
SNIKT
NO, WAIT! I'M HERE FOR YOUR HELP!

AAAH!
I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!
HMM.
THE GOOD NEWS IS YOUR STORY CHECKS OUT.
SFX
NO, LOGAN!
IF MY WORLD GOES, SO DOES THIS ONE!
WE NEED TO FIND ADAM WARLOCK, OR WE'RE ALL DOOMED!

INFINITY WARS 4

I NEEDED A DRINK AFTER I SAW INSIDE YOUR MIND. IT'S ALL A BIT...MUCH.
SO THIS "GAMORA"--WHO DOESN'T EXIST IN *THIS* WORLD AS FAR AS I KNOW--SHE'S ASSEMBLED THE INFINITY STONES. AND LIKE HER FATHER--
--KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY--
--HAS HALVED THE NUMBER OF SOULS IN THE UNIVERSE, NOT BY DEATH BUT BY GRAFTING SOULS TOGETHER AND TRAPPING US IN SOUL WORLD, WHERE WE'RE TO BE DEVOURED BY AN ANCIENT SOUL EATER?
NOW YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I *NEED* A TELEPATH.
WE HAVE MUCH TO ACCOMPLISH AND NOT MUCH TIME IN WHICH TO ACCOMPLISH IT.
GAMORA PUT EVERYONE AND *EVERYTHING* I NEED RIGHT HERE IN SOUL WORLD.
IF SHE COPIED THE WHOLE UNIVERSE AND INSTALLED US INTO THE SOUL GEM...
...THEN THE *INFINITY STONES* MUST ALSO EXIST HERE.
EXACTLY!
NOW GO PUT ON YOUR MAGIC TELEPATHY CAP THAT YOU HIDE IN THE BASEMENT, AND WE CAN HAVE A THINK ON IT.
UH, LOOK OUT. THERE'S A SPIDER DANGLING DOWN BEHIND YOUR HEAD...

...BUT IT WASN'T THAT LARGE A MOMENT AGO.
LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON ITS MIND.

SNIKTPLAKK
ITS NAME IS DEVONDRA. ITS HUNGER FOR SOULS CAN'T BE SATED.

I FOUND AN OLD BOOK ON CREATION RECENTLY AND WHEN I ARRIVED AT A TALE OF A SPIDER THAT CREATES UNIVERSES FROM HER SILK--

--I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THAT THE PAGES WERE TORN OUT.

IT CAN'T BE A COINCIDENCE.

SOMEONE'S MANIPULATED THESE EVENTS. CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED THEM. I ADMIRE THE LENGTHS THEY'RE GOING TO.
I'M GOING TO ADORE KILLING THEM.
PERHAPS... I SHALL HAVE SOME OF THAT CHILDREN'S WINE YOU'RE DRINKING.
HMM. YOU KNOW, AFTER STABBING A WATCHER ONCE, I KNOW THAT ONE DAY FAR IN THE FUTURE I MERGE WITH THE PHOENIX FORCE.
THEORETICALLY, I COULD SEND A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE TO MYSELF THE NEXT TIME I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAB SOMEONE WHO'S ALL GOOFED UP ON THE PHOENIX FORCE.
THAT SHOULD BE SOON, CORRECT? THAT HAPPENS OFTEN AROUND HERE?
AH!

I GOT YOUR MESSAGE.
BEIN' HONEST.
I TRIED DOING NOTHING ABOUT IT, AND THAT ENDED UP BEING A @#$%-LOAD MORE WORK. SO I GRABBED THE TIME BAT AND HERE WE ARE.
WELL, THE TWO OF US SHOULD MAKE SHORT WORK OF THIS SITUATION.
I AIN'T STAYIN'.
IF REQUIEM SEES I HAVE THE PHOENIX FORCE, IT WILL CAUSE OTHER PROBLEMS.
OH YEAH, HERE'S A ROCK.
THUD
OW.

WELL, BYE.
WAIT! YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO HAVE "EMMARINE" HERE STAB EVERYONE INTO LINE, DO YOU?
SPLIT THEM UP!
FINE. I'LL PULL 'EM APART, BUB.
NOW WAIT A MOMENT, DARLINGS--
EXEUNT

I'M AT A LOSS FOR WORDS.
I GOT SOME: CHAMPAGNE IS JUST FANCY PISS.
WHO ELSE IS WITH YOU, LOGAN?
WHO ARE THOSE WINGS OF FIRE HIDING?
I COULDN'T TRICK YOU, BROTHER.
"MY LIEGE."
LOGAN, EMMA. THIS IS MY BROTHER, THE KING AT THE END OF TIME.
HEY, KING BUB, YOU WOULDN'T BE CARRYING ANY MEAD, WOULD YOU?
QUIT STALLING AND GET THE STUPID ROCKS TO WARLOCK! HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO.
POP
THERE BETTER BE SUDS IN THIS HOUSE.

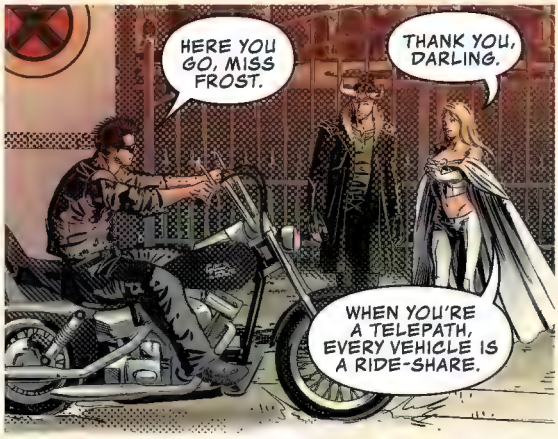
NOW THAT YOU'RE YOU AGAIN, I SUGGEST--
I'LL TAKE THAT.
I DON'T TRUST YOU AS FAR AS I CAN THROW YOU, LOKI.
KANG?
WELL, WITH THE POWER STONE, YOU COULD THROW ME QUITE A DISTANCE, EMMA.
IT'S MIND OVER MATTER IN THE LEMNISCATE CIRCUIT.
NOW, WHO AM I THINKING ABOUT RECRUITING NEXT?

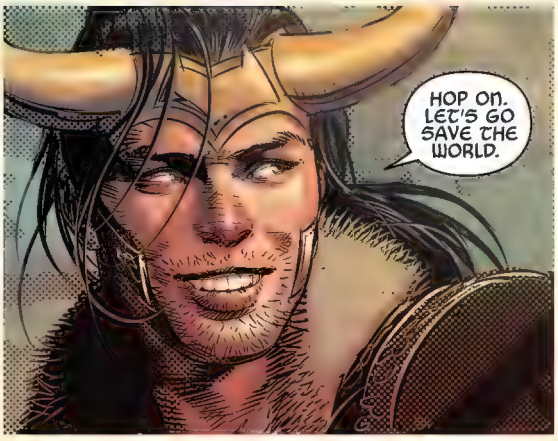
LEMME BREW UP, AND WE'LL GET GOING.
YOU KILLED MY BEER.
SNIKT
GRRAAARRGH!

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE THE BEST AT WHAT YOU DO. HAVE FUN BESTING THAT LITTLE NASTY.
TA!

NOW THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED THAT BARBARIAN'S CLAWS TO USE YOUR TELEPATHY-- WHERE DO WE FIND KANG?
I'LL LINK YOU TO WHERE WE NEED TO TELEPORT.
I'M AFRAID I'M A BIT UNDERPOWERED WHILE WE'RE TRAPPED IN THE SOUL STONE. I CAN'T FEEL THE WORLD TREE OR ASGARD.

IS KANG FAR?
NO, I'M CALLING A RIDE.


HERE YOU GO, MISS FROST.
THANK YOU, DARLING.
WHEN YOU'RE A TELEPATH, EVERY VEHICLE IS A RIDE-SHARE.


HOP ON. LET'S GO SAVE THE WORLD.

YOU RIDE ON THE BACK.

CAN WE COUNT ON THE LOKI YOU MET FROM THE NEIGHBORING REALITY?
I DON'T THINK MY COUNTERPARTS ARE FARING WELL...

"...AT THE END OF THEIR UNIVERSES."
I'LL SEE YOU IN HEL, REQUIEM.
NO, YOU WON'T.
SKRUUSH
HELL IS EMPTY.

PHYLA-VELL. MOONDRAGON. YOUR STORY DOESN'T HAVE TO END HERE.
I HAVE FIVE INFINITY STONES. WHERE DID YOU HIDE THE REALITY STONE?
I LOVE YOU, HEATHER.
OF COURSE YOU DO. WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE?
I'M READY TO CUT A DEAL, GAMORA.
WAIT, WHAT— NO!

I HID THE STONE. THEN I ERASED MY MEMORIES OF THE EVENT.
YOU GET YOUR DUMB ROCK, AND I GET PHYLA-- BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DIG INTO MY MIND.
NO TRICKS, HEATHER.
WHAT ARE Y-- UGHN.
NOW, PHYLA!
I'VE GOT HER LOCKED IN MENTAL COMBAT-- FINISH HER.

SKRABOOM
GET OUT OF HER MIND, MOONDRAGON!
YOU CAN'T BE IN THERE WHEN I KILL HER.
IT'S TOO LATE.
SHE'S TOO STRONG...
...R-READING MY MIND...
...SHE KNOWS WHERE THE LAST STONE IS.
SHE'S ABOUT TO REASSERT CONTROL.
HOW DO WE WIN?
WE DON'T...
...AT LEAST NOT HERE.

WHILE I WAS IN HER MIND, I USED THE STONES TO SHOOT US OUT OF OUR UNIVERSE.
SO ARE WE ABOUT TO DIE?
MAYBE. PROBABLY.
IT'S A NICE VIEW.

WE DIE AS DIMENSIONAUTS!
GLAD YOU'RE HAPPY.
I'M SORRY. YOU WERE RIGHT. I SHOULD HAVE JOINED THE GUARDIANS.
MAYBE THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT.
HA! WHATEVER HAPPENS, I—
DON'T GET ALL MUSHY ON ME NOW, HEATHER.
I HOPE—

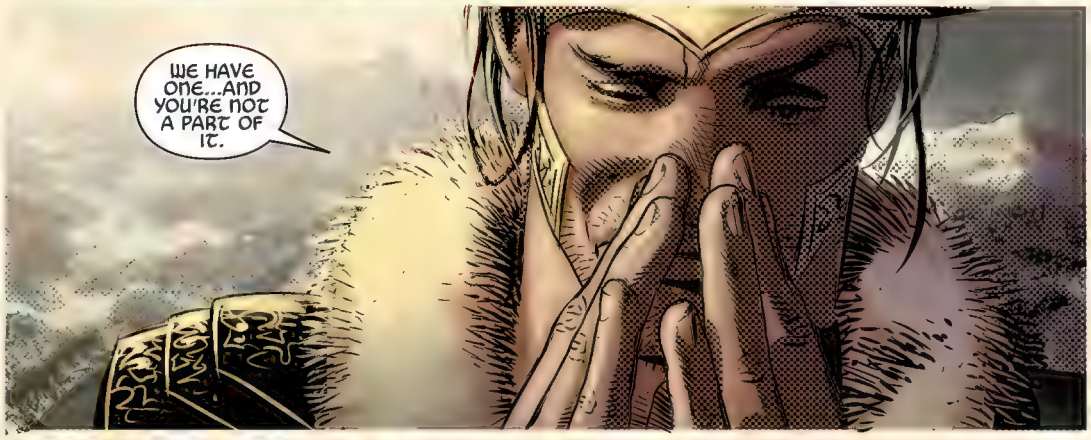
"—THIS UNIVERSE IS DIFFERENT."
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M SUPPOSED TO BE *DIFFERENT?* THIS IS THE WAY I'VE *ALWAYS* BEEN.
I'LL SHOW YOU, MS. KANG.
DEEP BREATH.
THIS WHOLE WORLD EXISTS BECAUSE THE SOULS FROM OUR PRIME UNIVERSE WERE MASHED TOGETHER.
FORTUNATELY, TOGETHER WE HAVE THE POWER TO UNDO THIS.
WHOA.

I KNEW REQUIEM WOULD READ MY MIND. SO I IMAGINED THE PEOPLE I NEEDED HAD BEEN CRUSHED TOGETHER.
SHE TOOK THE BAIT.
ALSO, YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL WEIRD. EMMA WAS STUCK WITH WOLVERINE.
THAT WHOLE LIFE--
--IT WAS ALL JUST AN ACCIDENT.
THE MOST INTERESTING LIFE IS USUALLY MADE BY ACCIDENT, DARLING.
HELLO AGAIN, KAMALA. WE'RE PUTTING A TEAM TOGETHER.
WELCOME ABOARD.
YOU STAND WITH KANG THE CONQUEROR!

WHO ELSE COULD YOU POSSIBLY NEED?
LITTLE MONSTER NO JOIN YOU!
OH, I THINK WE COULD MANAGE TO MAKE YOU IF NEED BE.
IS THIS HIM WHEN HE'S BIG AND ANGRY?
WHOMP
GAH!
ORDINARILY I'D LET YOU HAVE YOUR FUN, BUT I'M HOLDING THE POWER STONE, AND WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT ON TIME, SO PREPARE FOR A JOLT.

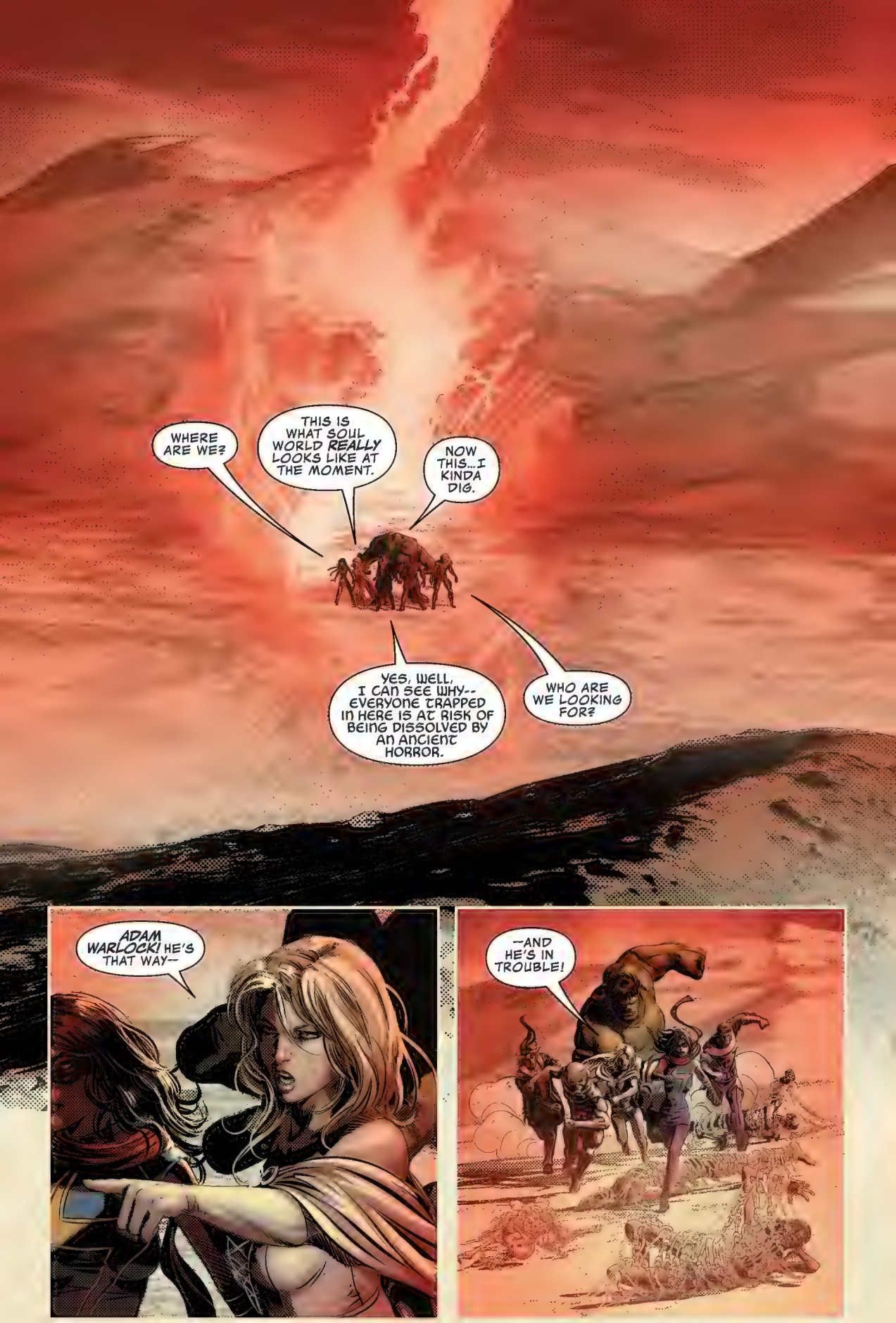
UGH!

WHOA, THAT WAS CRAZY. THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS THE BUFFET CLOSING EARLY BUT NOT GETTING A REFUND.
IN A LIFE OF WEIRD EXPERIENCES, THIS ONE IS UP THERE.
LET'S COME UP WITH A PLAN.


WE HAVE ONE...AND YOU'RE NOT A PART OF IT.

CIAO, BRUCE.
WE NEED THE OTHER GUY.
WAIT, HE WON'T--

WHATEVER THIS IS--I ALREADY *HATE* IT.
YOU'RE ALL HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE UNIQUELY SUITED TO WIELD AN *INFINITY STONE*-- WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.
I'LL EXPLAIN MORE ON THE WAY--
I DON'T WANT TO USE AN INFINITY STONE.
I DON'T CARE.
EMMA, HELP KANG PINPOINT OUR LAST MEMBER.


WHERE ARE WE?
THIS IS WHAT SOUL WORLD REALLY LOOKS LIKE AT THE MOMENT.
NOW THIS...I KINDA DIG.
YES, WELL, I CAN SEE WHY-- EVERYONE TRAPPED IN HERE IS AT RISK OF BEING DISSOLVED BY AN ANCIENT HORROR.
WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?
ADAM WARLOCK! HE'S THAT WAY--
--AND HE'S IN TROUBLE!

OH NO. IT'S SO GROSS.
AAHRRG! SAVE YOURSELVES... RUN!
I'LL GO LOW. ITS LEGS FEEL DISGUSTING!
I'LL GO HIGH.
WHABOOM
MMPH!

THIS IS HORRIBLE!
IT JUST...ATE HIM!
GET IN THE GAME, LANG.
WHAK
OH, C'MON!
DO WE NEED THIS WARLOCK?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM!
ISN'T HE FAMOUS FOR BEING DEAD?
DON'T MAKE ME TAKE OVER YOUR BODY.
I KNEW I SHOULD NEVER HAVE GONE TO SPACE.
I AM SO DUMB.
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D REALLY DO THAT.
AVENGERS ARE THE DUMBEST.
PERHAPS IF I SECURE THE TIME STONE, WE SHOULD TRY TO COME BACK AND UN-KILL THEM BOTH?

GET IT OFF! GET IT OFF!
WHAT A BABY.
HORRIBLE...SO HORRIBLE.
AT LEAST IT'S DEAD.
LOOK AGAIN. IT'S PULLING ITSELF TOGETHER.

IMPRESSIVE.
WE NEED EVERYONE HERE RIGHT NOW TO FIGHT DEVONDRA.
ACTUALLY, WE HAVE OTHER PLANS. I NEED YOU TO SHOW US THE DOOR OUT OF SOUL WORLD. NONE OF THIS MATTERS IF WE DON'T GET THE INFINITY STONES BACK FROM GAMORA.
WE NEED TO FACE GAMORA--OUT IN THE REAL WORLD.
YOU'RE LEAVING?!
ARE YOU INSANE?
THE FIGHT IS HERE!
THE FIGHT IS ALSO OUT THERE AGAINST REQUIEM.
YOU NEED HEROES. WE NEED A WAY OUT OF HERE.
HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

TO ME, MY HEROES.
YOUR LIVES ARE IN THE BALANCE.
WE NEED MORE HEROES.

"WE NEED MORE HEROES."
THIS IS CAPTAIN ROGERS--I'M INBOUND.
"WE NEED MORE HEROES."
ME TOO-- AS SOON AS I SECURE THE BUGLE.
"WE NEED MORE HEROES."
THESE THINGS KEEP COMING.

"WE NEED MORE HEROES."
WE NEED MORE HEROES.
HEY, YOU OKAY, ART?
YOU WERE DESTROYING, MAN.
WE NEED MORE HEROES.
MORE.
HEROES.
"WON'T THE HEROES MOUNT A DEFENSE?"

YES. THEY'RE INCAPACITATED. IT WON'T MATTER.
AFTER DEVONDRA'S HUNGER IS SATED, SHE WILL SPIN NEW THREADS, AND FROM THEM A NEW REALITY WILL BE BORN.
I WILL BE THE ONE TO WEAVE IT.

YES.
AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO THAT BECAUSE YOU WIELD INFINITE POWER?

THIS SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE BEYOND THIS BARRIER.
THIS CANNOT BE THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE.

PERHAPS THIS ISN'T A TIME FOR INFINITE POWER, BUT INFINITE FINESSE?
I NEVER MADE IT THIS FAR, DAUGHTER.
PERHAPS IF I WERE TRULY HERE WITH YOU NOW, I COULD--
NEVER.
WELL, IT WAS JUST A THOUGHT.
ANYWAY, EVEN IF YOU CAN'T BREACH OUT OF THIS UNIVERSE, WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT SHOULD BE TRULY WORTHY OF SONG.
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
THEY DO.

THE WATCHERS.
BEHOLD: INFINITY'S END.

GERARDO SANDOVAL & DAVID CURIEL

INFINITY WARS #5 VARIANT

INFINITY WARS 5

QUARRY OF CREATION.
SO, I DON'T WANT TO READ AHEAD, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR INFINITY BLADE CAN'T CUT THROUGH THIS DIMENSIONAL BARRIER.
GRRRARGH!
CHOM

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE.

AND NOTHING IS GOING TO EXIT THE SOUL GEM UNTIL I WANT IT TO...

"...NOT UNTIL DEVONDRA HAS DEVOURED EVERYTHING IN SOUL WORLD."

THIS DISGUSTING THING KEEPS COMING!

YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS WARLOCK?

YES! AND YOU SEEM TO BE A COMBINATION OF MY FRIENDS DOCTOR STRANGE AND CAPTAIN AMERICA.

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL UNDO WHAT REQUIEM HAS DONE TO YOU.

THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF. I'VE LIVED AN ENTIRE LIFE AS THE MAN I AM. I WAS A MIRACLE OF MAGIC.

AND I DO NOT CONSENT TO BEING UNMADE!

THEN...MATTERS WILL BE MORE *COMPLICATED.*

IN THEORY, A SOUL WORLD FREE OF DEVONDRA COULD KEEP THIS NEW WARPED UNIVERSE SAFE IN A BUBBLE--

--BUT WE WOULD NEED TO CONTROL THE STONES...

"...AND WE WOULD NEED TO HOPE THAT LOKI AND HIS TEAM SUCCEED AGAINST GAMORA OUTSIDE SOUL WORLD."
CAN I PUT YOU DOWN NOW, EMMA?
MY BACK HURTS.
NOT ANYMORE IT DOESN'T.
THIS IS OUR STOP. SHE'S INSIDE.
THAT'S AMAZING!
PUNY-MINDED HUMAN.
PERHAPS I SHOULD SPEAK TO HER ALONE, LOKI.
NONSENSE. I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO--

I HAVEN'T COME ALL THIS WAY TO LET YOU GET US ALL KILLED.
THIS CALLS FOR A WOMAN'S TOUCH.
MS. MARVEL, COME WITH ME.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND--
--WHO ARE WE HERE TO SEE?
HELLO?
WHOA.
PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD?

IS THIS--
YES. MEET YOUNG GAMORA.
DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?
WE CAN'T RIGHT NOW, DARLING. BUT WE'D LIKE TO BORROW YOUR TOYS, IF THAT'S OKAY?
HAVE YOU BEEN HERE A LONG TIME?
EVER SINCE MY PARENTS DIED.
THEN I WAS WITH *HIM*.
THIS IS MY PLACE. *HE'S* NOT ALLOWED HERE.

YOU SEE, REQUIEM FOLDED OUR ENTIRE UNIVERSE ONTO ITSELF, ACCIDENTALLY CREATING NEW LIFE-FORMS, AND THEN SHE COPIED EVERYTHING INTO THE SOUL GEM--
--INCLUDING THE STONES.
HEH. THEN SHE'S HERE TOO.
YES, BUT WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM HER.
MY NEW YOUNG FRIEND IS GOING TO LET US BORROW HER FUN ROCKS.

FOR REASONS I CAN'T QUITE DISCERN AT THE MOMENT, THIS UNIVERSE IS DIFFERENT, AND SO ARE THE INFINITY STONES.
MIND GOVERNS MATTER, SO EMMA WILL GET THE MOST FROM THE POWER STONE.
AS THE MOST POWERFUL, HULK WILL UNLOCK THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE SPACE STONE.
KANG'S MASTERY OF TIME WILL GRANT HIM THE MOST FROM THE REALITY STONE.
ANT-MAN IS A CLOD, BUT A SAVANT AT THE MANIPULATION OF SPACE. THAT WILL ENABLE HIM TO GET THE MOST FROM THE TIME STONE.
I'VE LIVED, DIED, LIVED AGAIN AND THRIVED IN MULTIPLE REALITIES. THAT MEANS THE SOUL STONE IS MINE.
MS. MARVEL HAS A YOUNG, INCORRUPTIBLE SOUL. SHE'LL WIELD THE MIND STONE.
THAT SOUNDS CRAZY.
WHAT IF YOU'RE WRONG?

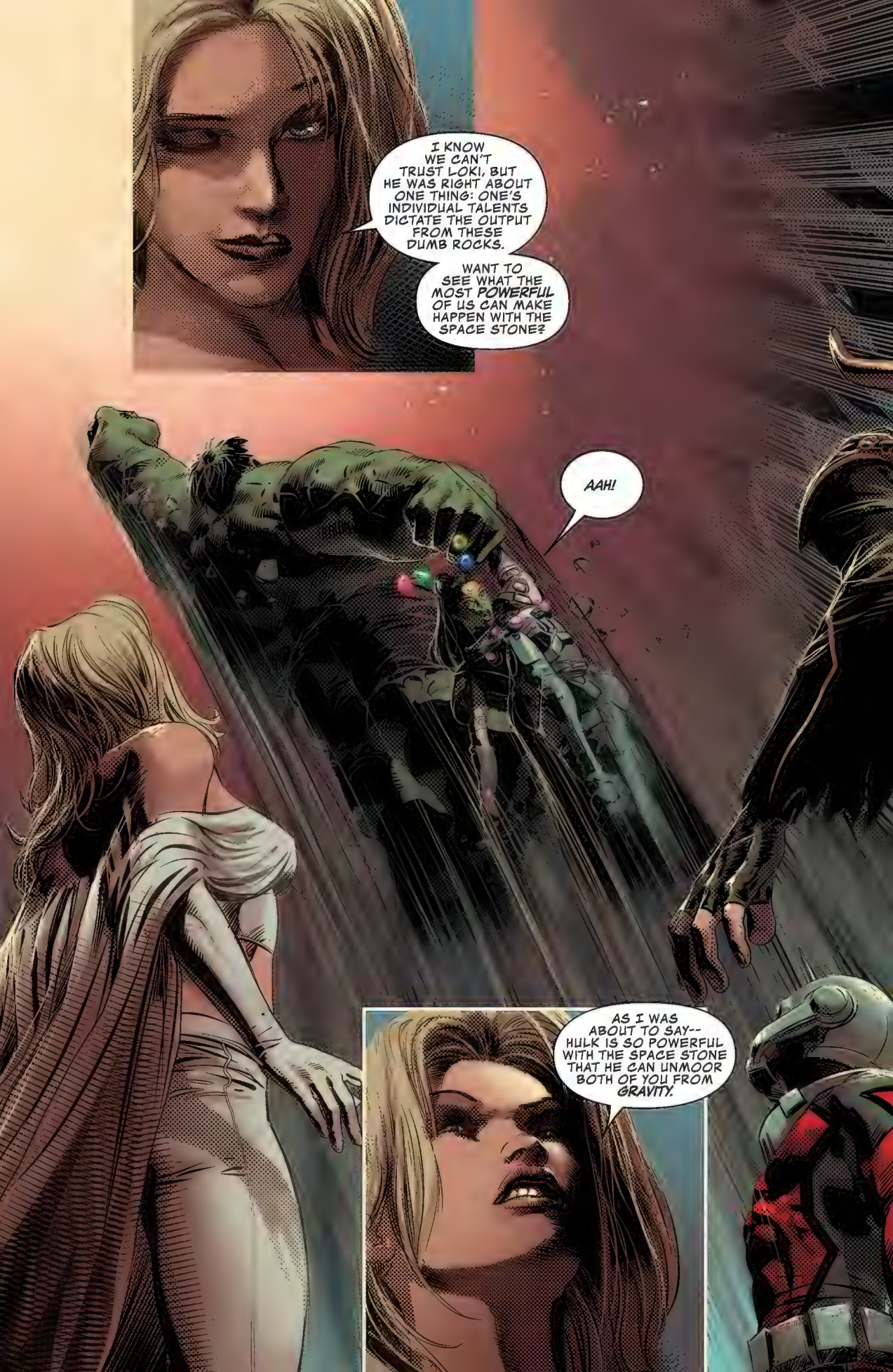
OH, WE'LL ALL JUST DIE AND TAKE AT LEAST TWO UNIVERSES WITH US.
I HAVE A PLAN I'D LIKE US TO EXECUTE.
THE ONLY THING THAT NEEDS EXECUTING IS REQUIEM.
THE LONGER THE FIGHT LASTS--THE MORE DANGEROUS IT IS FOR US.
PAY ATTENTION. HERE'S THE PLAN.
EMMA, YOU'RE UP FIRST...
GOT IT.
WE SWEEP THE LEG.

LOOKS LIKE COMPANY.
BOOM
SO. BACK TO THIS PARTY, HUH?
I GUESS SO.
PHYLA-VELL. MOONDRAGON. YOU DON'T BELONG HERE.
WE WOULDN'T BE--

--IF YOU HADN'T DESTROYED OUR UNIVERSE!
AHH!
KRAK
HEATHER.
URK!
THERE'S NOBODY LEFT WHO CAN KILL ME.
TSK. TSK.
THAT'S NOT A FAIR FIGHT, IS IT?
HOW?

WHY NOT TRY US ON, DARLING?
I KNOW WE WEREN'T TEAMMATES FOR LONG, BUT ANY CHANCE YOU COULD DROP THE ROCKS? FOR ME?
NO?
OKAY, HAD TO ASK.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU SHED YOUR OTHER SOULS AND ESCAPED, BUT--
BUT WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW COULD FILL A LIBRARY.
CLASS IS IN SESSION.

IT'S MIND OVER MATTER.
I'LL SQUEEZE MORE POWER FROM THIS LEMON THAN YOU EVER COULD.
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
HER BLADE'S BUSTED--I'VE GOT HER--UH, THE PURPLE ONE!


I KNOW WE CAN'T TRUST LOKI, BUT HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING: ONE'S INDIVIDUAL TALENTS DICTATE THE OUTPUT FROM THESE DUMB ROCKS.
WANT TO SEE WHAT THE MOST POWERFUL OF US CAN MAKE HAPPEN WITH THE SPACE STONE?
AAH!
AS I WAS ABOUT TO SAY-- HULK IS SO POWERFUL WITH THE SPACE STONE THAT HE CAN UNMOOR BOTH OF YOU FROM GRAVITY.

"ENJOY A FLYING HULK."
BOOM
YOU'RE PRETTY FUNNY--STICKING ME TO THE PUNIEST HUMAN.
I KINDA LIKE YOU. SORRY FOR THE ROUGH STUFF.
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
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BOOM

I'M NOT DONE--I STILL NEED TO REMAKE THE UNIVERSE.
NO NEED.
KANG IS A MASTER OF TIME, ARMED WITH THE REALITY STONE.
I WILL REMAKE THE UNIVERSE.
YOU CAN'T WIELD A STONE IF YOU'RE DEAD.
HNNH.

THERE
IS
NO
WAY
YOU
CAN
BEAT
US
ALL!
WHY CAN'T YOU SEE?
ONCE DEVONDRA IS FINISHED EATING THE OLD UNIVERSE I WILL REMAKE IT.
NO ONE WILL NEED TO SUFFER.
I WON'T HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH THIS LIFE!
WAIT-- WHERE'S ANT-MAN?!
UH-OH.

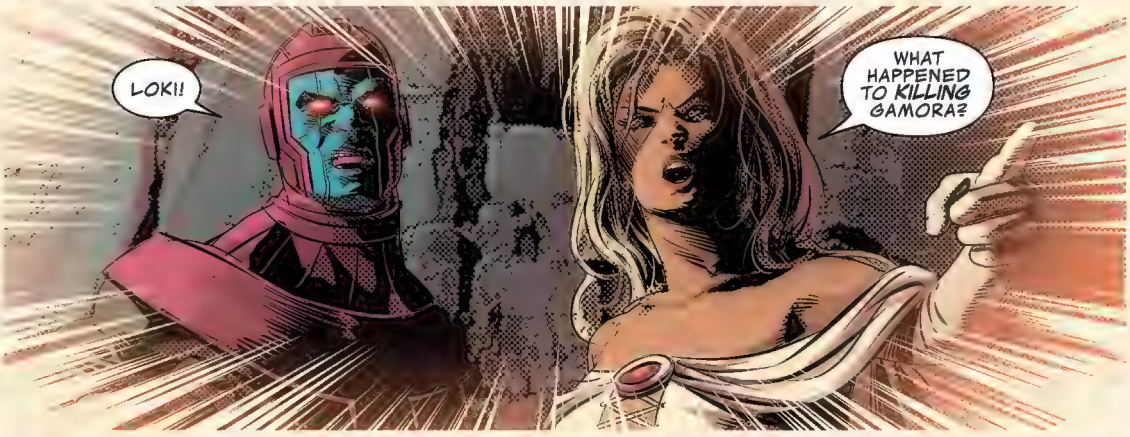
SOUNDS LIKE "WOMEN'S INTUITION" IS ABOUT TO RUIN THE HEIST.
I ONLY GOT HER REALITY AND SPACE STONES!
ANT-MAN OUT!
THIS MAY WORK OUT IN THE END.
I JUST NEED A COUPLE OF THESE BORING ROCKS...

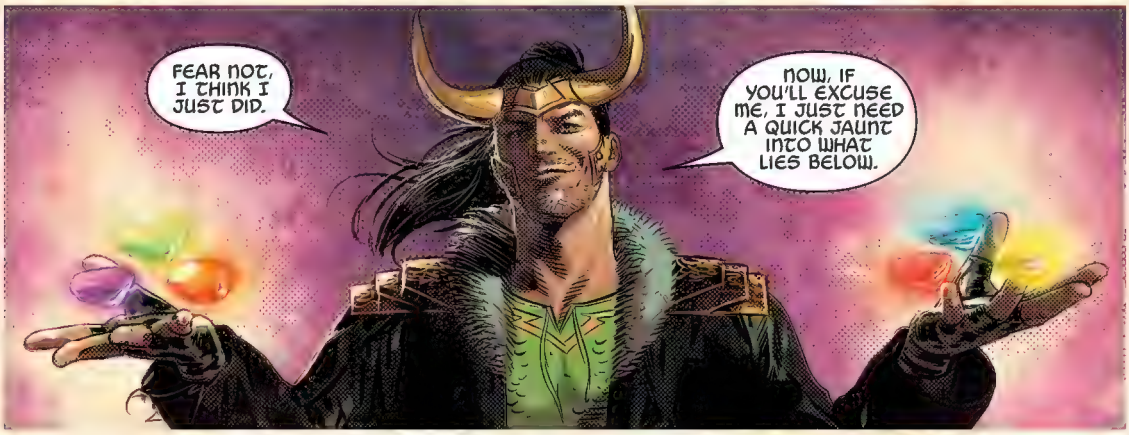
THIS ISN'T HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE.
AUGHNN.
YOU'RE BEING BAD, GAMORA!
I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO AGREE, DAUGHTER.
I'M GLAD I'M NOT ALIVE TO SEE THIS.
SORRY, BUT IT'S TRUE.

I USUALLY PREFER DOM, BUT THE POWER STONE IS QUITE INTOXICATING.
KRAKOOM
UGHN!
THAT WAS A POWERFUL PSYCHIC ATTACK, KAMALA.
WHY CAN'T THEY SEE WHAT I SEE?
LOKI IS PLAYING THEM ALL. HE JUST PALMED THE STONES THAT THE GIRL HAD.
MAYBE I SHOULD LET IT HAPPEN.
LOKI WAS RIGHT. THE STONES ARE DIFFERENT NOW.
SKRSKRAKOOM

WELL DONE, ANT-MAN.
LANG, YOU MORON. NOW HE'S GOT WHAT HE NEEDS.
NOW TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.
NO QUARTER!
FIRST, A DOOR--

--AND IN THE THREE OF YOU GO.
NO!

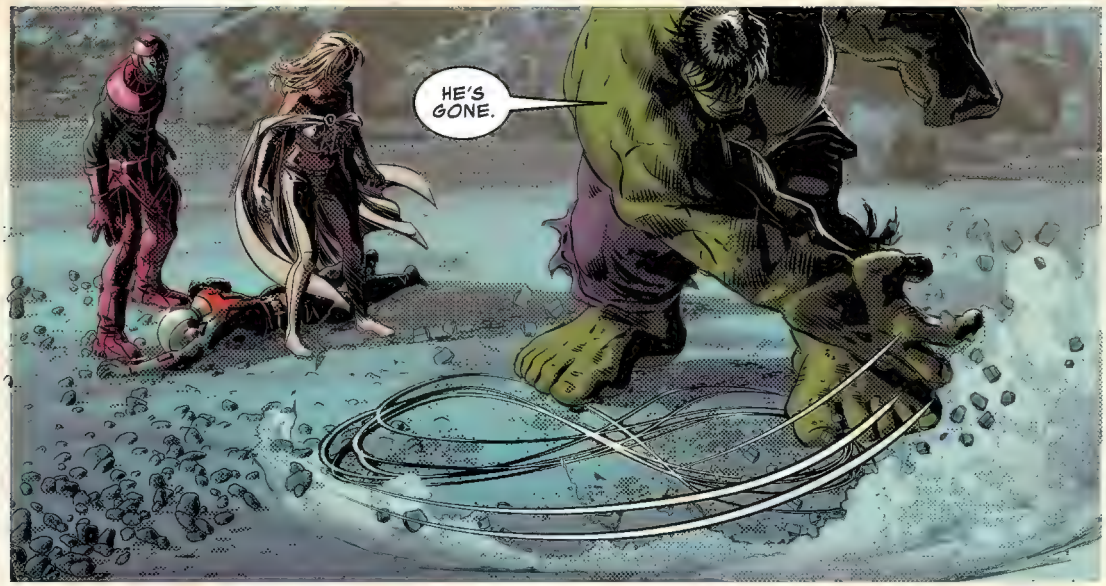

LOKI!
WHAT HAPPENED TO KILLING GAMORA?

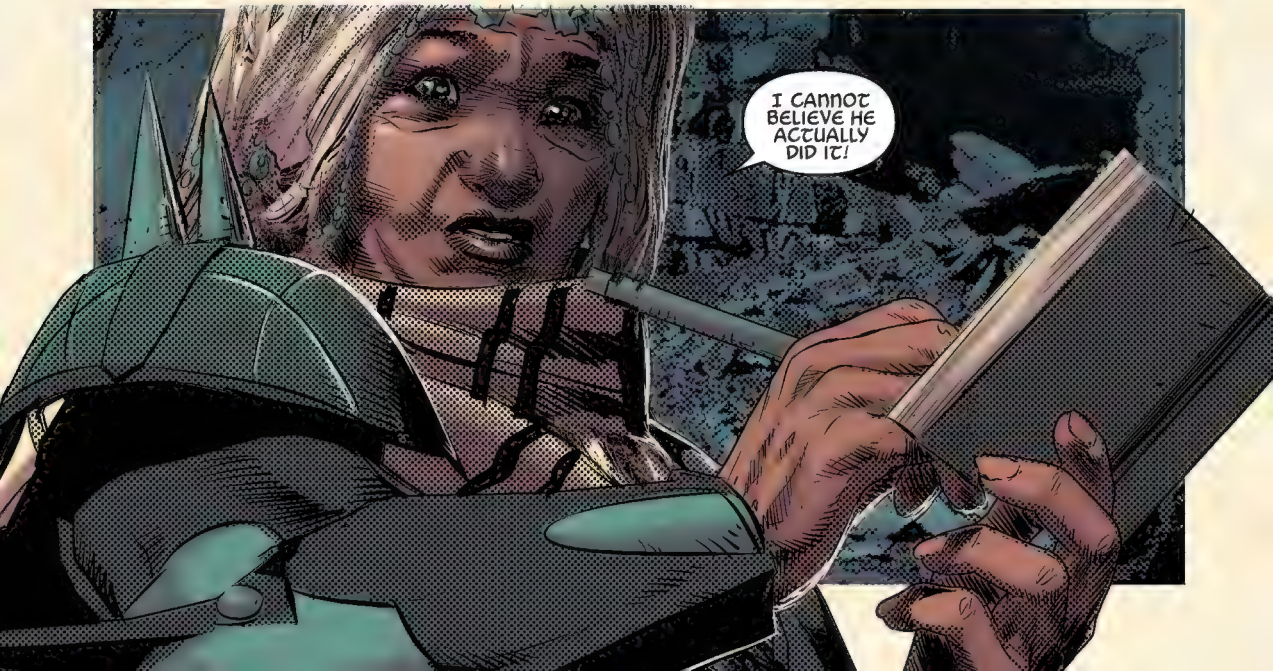

FEAR NOT, I THINK I JUST DID.
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I JUST NEED A QUICK JAUNT INTO WHAT LIES BELOW.

OH @#$%!
THESE--HE HAS ALL THE STONES!

IF I DON'T RETURN--
--IT'S ONLY BECAUSE--
--I FOUND SOMETHING BETTER.
SON OF A--
WAK
UGHNNN.

SOLID ROCK. UNNATURALLY STRONG STUFF.
BOOM


HE'S GONE.


I CANNOT BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY DID IT!

I AM IN ANOTHER PLACE. I CAN FEEL IT IN MY ANCIENT BONES.
I'M ON MY OWN.
THE STONES HAVE NO POWER IN THIS UNIVERSE.
PLINK
I THINK I'LL KEEP THEM JUST IN CASE.
BUT I AM A GOD. I NEED NOT MORE MAGIC THAN I HAVE WITHIN ME.
...
OR SO I THOUGHT.

I AM LOKI, SON OF LAUFEY.
PRINCE OF ASGARD.
THE LORD OF LIES...
...AND THE GOD OF STORIES.
ARE THESE MY PUPPET MASTERS?
HOW DARE YOU!
"THIS IS HOPELESS."

WE CAN'T WIN. WE HURT DEVONDRA, SHE REFORMS. WE KNOCK HER DOWN, SHE GETS BACK UP. SHE'S UNKILLABLE, AND WE'RE NOT.
UNLESS SOMETHING CHANGES, WE--
THE DOOR OPENS--LOKI MUST HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL!
IT'S REQUIEM!
ATTACK!

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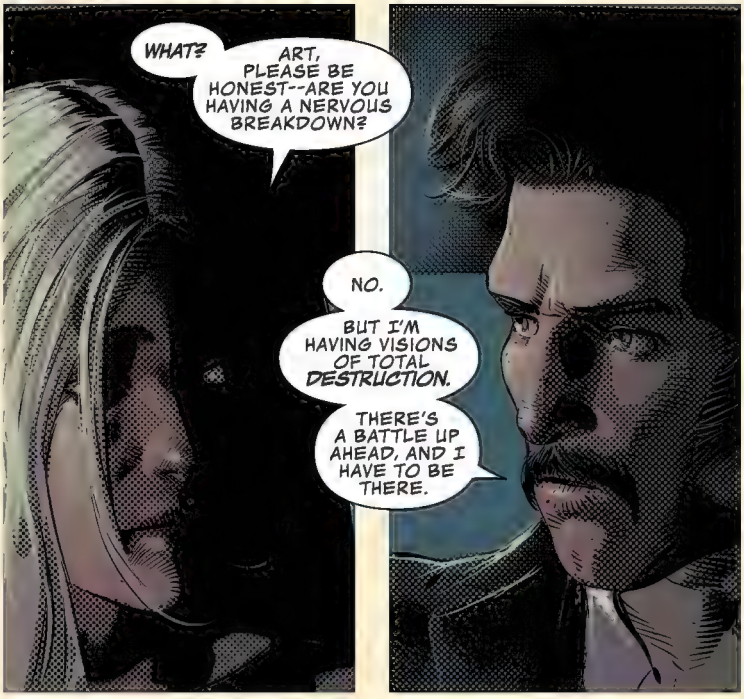
GET THE DAMN STONES!
AAARGH!
"IT LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD."

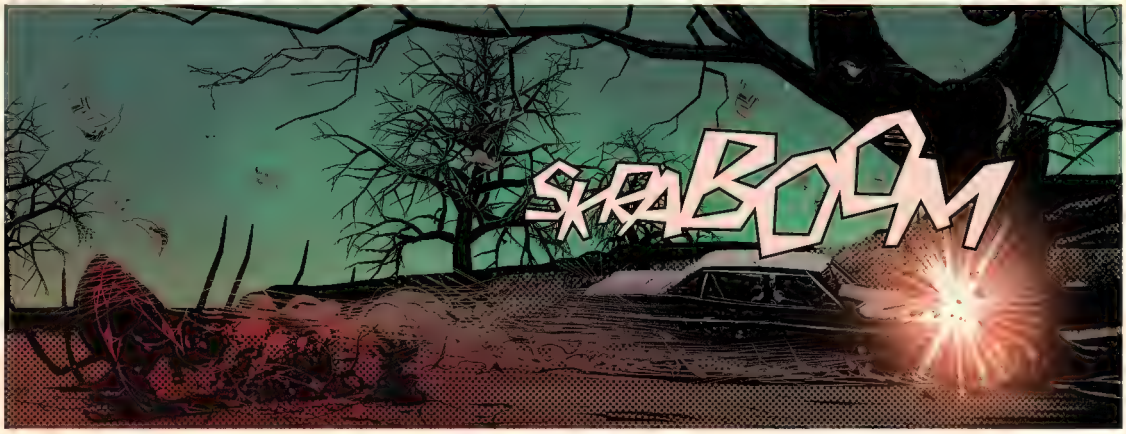
PLEASE SLOW DOWN, ART.
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THESE TREES.

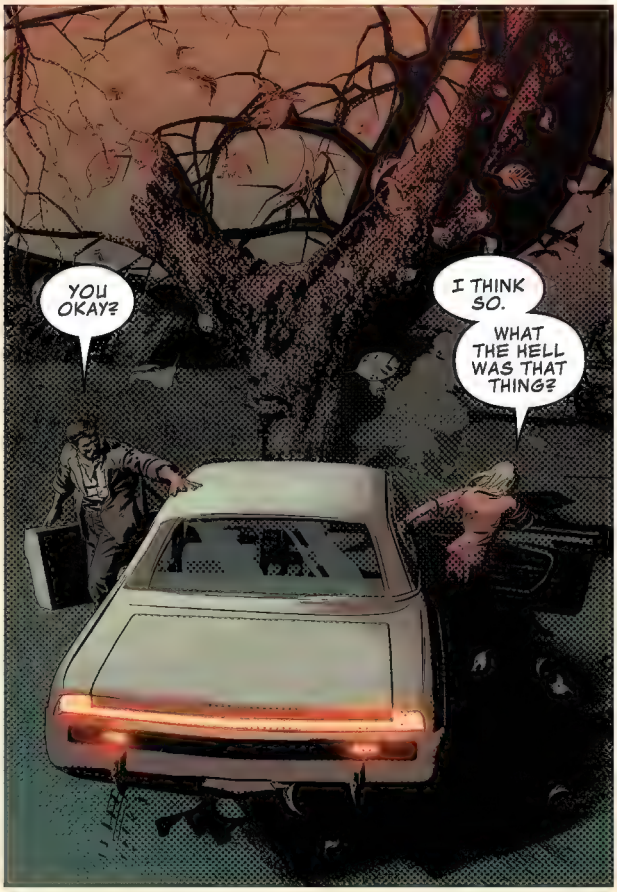
WE'RE GONNA DIE IN THIS CAR, ARTHUR!
NO, WE'RE NOT, YVETTE... BUT I THINK WE DID ONCE.


WHAT?
ART, PLEASE BE HONEST--ARE YOU HAVING A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN?
NO.
BUT I'M HAVING VISIONS OF TOTAL DESTRUCTION.
THERE'S A BATTLE UP AHEAD, AND I HAVE TO BE THERE.

LOOK OUT!

SPLAKK


SKRABOOM


YOU OKAY?
I THINK SO.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT THING?

I DUNNO, BUT I TOLD YOU SOMETHING IS WRONG, BABY.

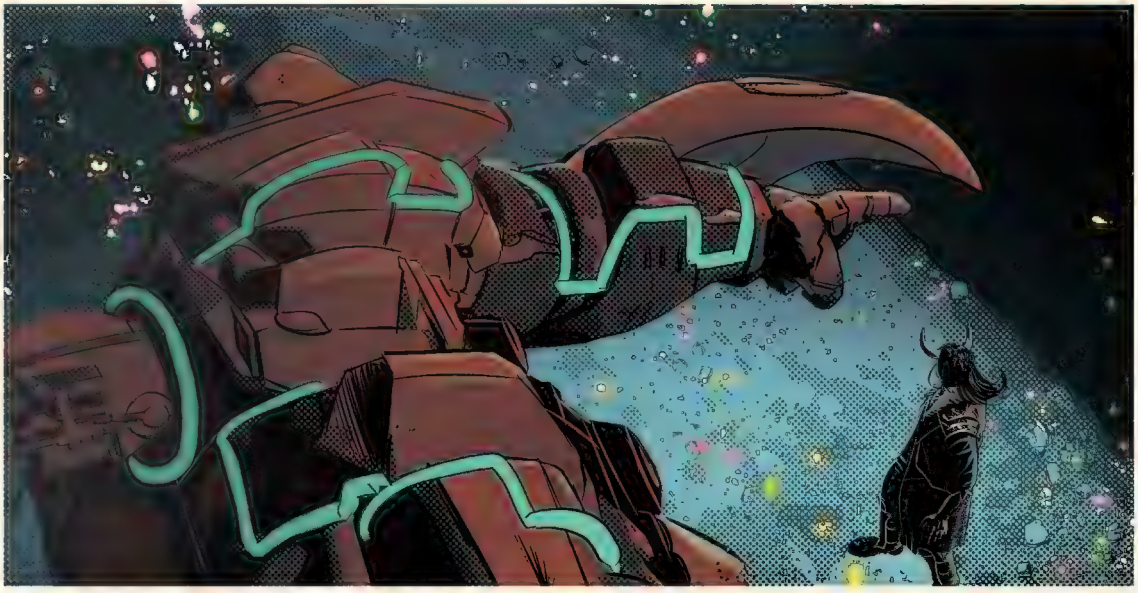
I JUST WISH I KNEW WHAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO.
WE ARE PEET.

OH MY GOD!
IT'S OKAY, HONEY. I'M FRIENDS WITH THIS TREE.
I THINK.
BABY, I GOTTA GO-- I GOT A GIG.
WE ARE PEET.
I'LL BE BACK!
I PROMISE, YVETTE!
I'LL COME BACK TO YOU, YVETTE--
--BUT I HAVE TO GO FIX THINGS OR I DON'T THINK WE CAN BE TOGETHER.
IF I DON'T MAKE IT BACK--I LOVE YOU!
ART!

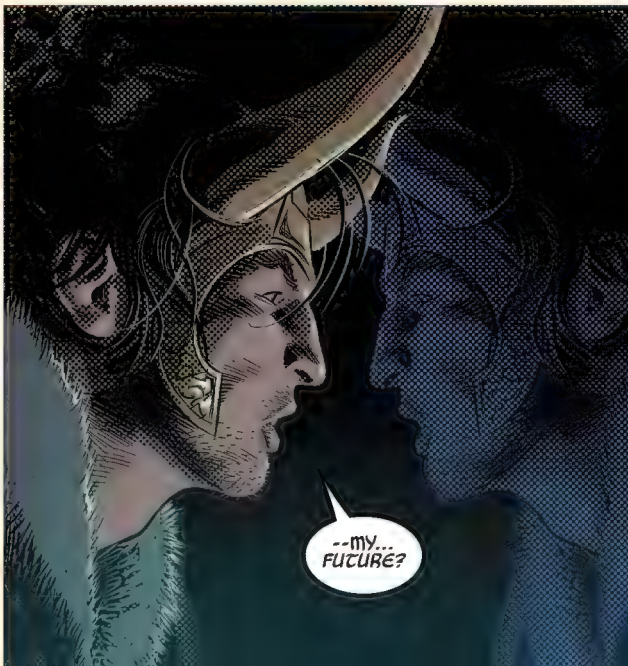
INFINITY WARS 6

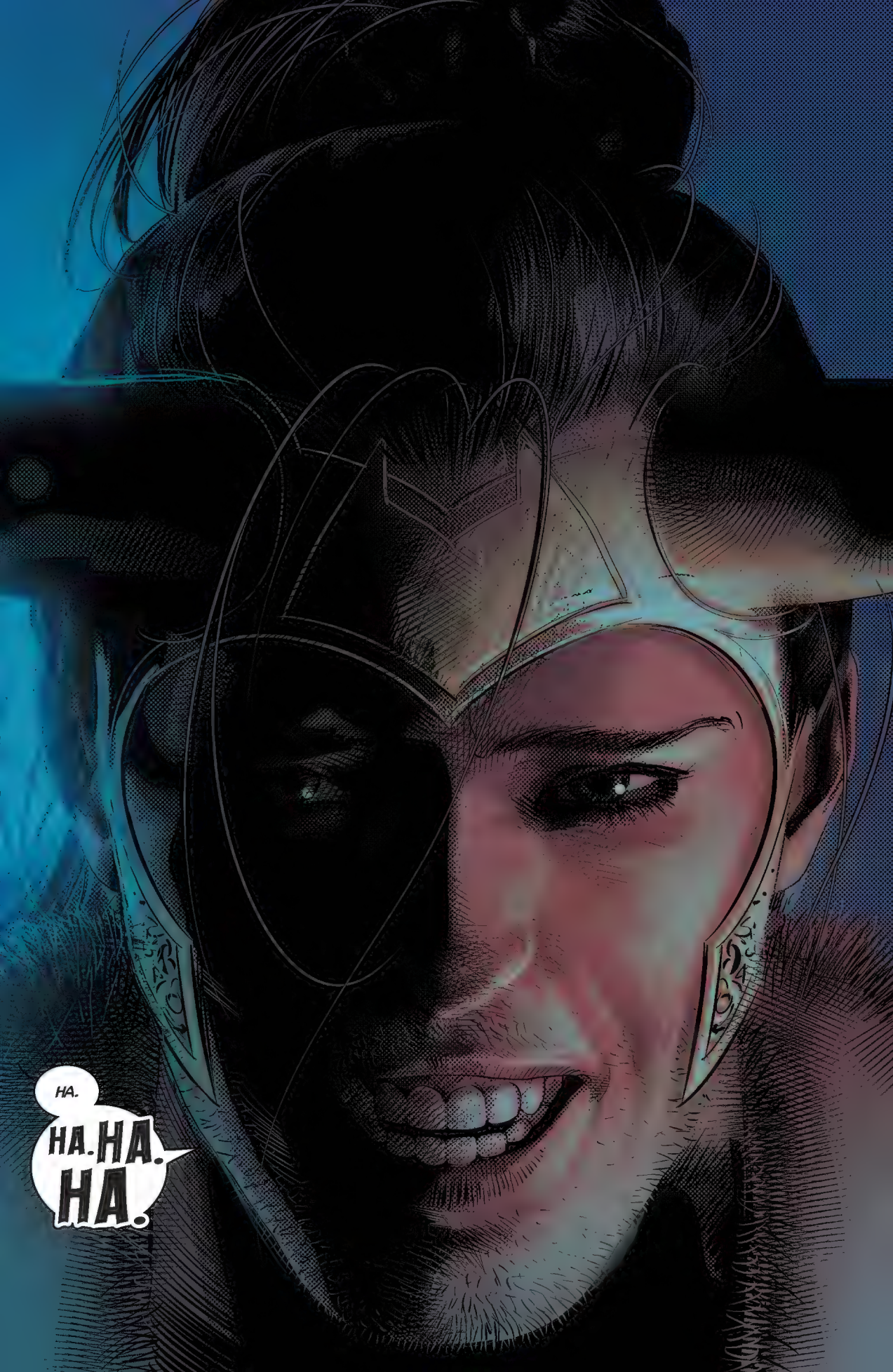
THE PRIME UNIVERSE.
IS THIS ALL THERE IS?! ARE YOU THE GODS ABOVE US ALL?

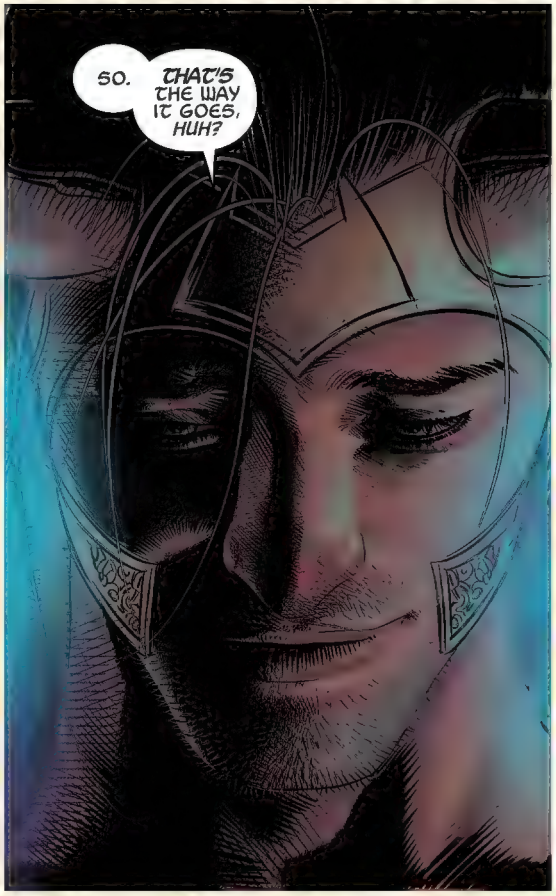
DO YOU SIT AND PLOT AND SCHEME--W-WAIT. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANYTHING RASH.



IF IT IS YOU WHO HAS BEEN WRITING MY DESTINY, THEN YOU CAN SHOW ME--


--MY... FUTURE?


HA.
HA. HA. HA.

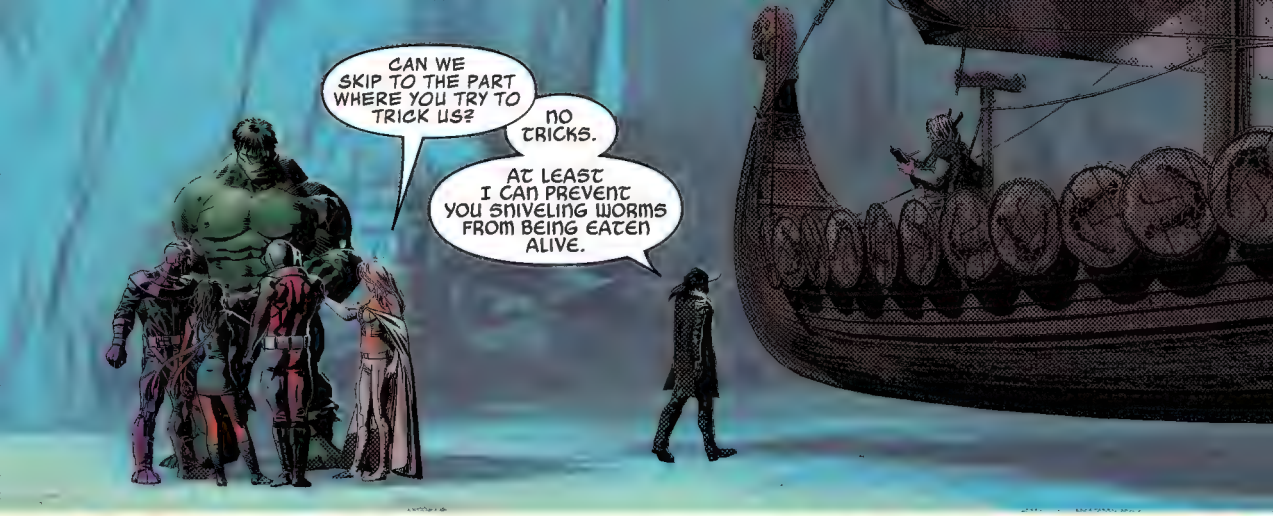

SO.
THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES, HUH?

THE STONES...ARE POWERLESS HERE.

SOMEDAY WHEN YOU ENORMOUS CLODS GROW UP, I HOPE YOU STOP CASTING ROCKS AT OUR UNIVERSE.
ARE YOU DOING IT FOR US--OR FOR YOU?

WELL.
I KNOW WHEN I'M BEAT.

THE QUARRY OF CREATION.
THE STONES LOKI LEFT BEHIND JUST WENT... INERT.
ARE YOU SURE?
YEAH...
...PRETTY SURE.
YES, THERE WERE A FEW TOO MANY CANNONS LOOSE ON THE DECK OF OUR SHIP...
...SO I USED THE POWER OF MY COMPLETE SET OF STONES TO DELETE THE OTHERS.
SO THIS WAS YOUR PLAN ALL ALONG. YOU WANTED ALL THE STONES FOR YOURSELF AND--
NO. TAKE THE STONES.
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO KEEP THE UNIVERSES FROM COLLAPSING.


CAN WE SKIP TO THE PART WHERE YOU TRY TO TRICK US?
NO TRICKS.
AT LEAST I CAN PREVENT YOU SNIVELING WORMS FROM BEING EATEN ALIVE.

FLOWA, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT MY RECENT RUN OF BAD LUCK: FROM LOGAN'S MIRACULOUS INTERVENTION THAT PREVENTED ME FROM ACQUIRING THE SPACE STONE TO THE PAGES I NEEDED THAT WERE RIPPED FROM YOUR TOMES.
I THINK I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE, AND I TRIED TO CHANGE THE PAST. TO PREVENT MYSELF FROM BREACHING OUT OF THIS UNIVERSE.

WELL, IF THAT'S TRUE THEN I OWE YOU THE BEATING OF A LIFETIME.
I ALREADY RECEIVED MY USUAL DRUBBING.

I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ONE ALL ON MY OWN.
TAKE ME BACK TO OMNIPOTENCE CITY...

"...I'VE LOST MY APPETITE FOR APOCALYPSES."
SOUL-WORLD.
GIVE ME THOSE WEAPONS SO I CAN KILL THE MONSTER, OR I'LL TAKE THEM FROM YOUR DEAD HANDS, REQUIEM.
YOU'RE NOT A REAL PERSON!
"SOLDIER SUPREME"--WHAT A JOKE! YOU'RE A MISTAKE THAT I'M ABOUT TO ERASE!

OH NO.
YOU WERE SAYING?
WHAKK
UGHN.
HOW DO WE STOP THE MONSTER FROM EATING OUR WORLDS?
THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP DEVONDRA NOW-- SHE'LL EAT US ALL.
WITHOUT THE STONES...THERE WON'T BE ANYONE TO REORDER THE UNIVERSE AFTER.
ENTROPY WILL FOLLOW.
WELL-- YOU FIRST.

FWABOOM
AAH!

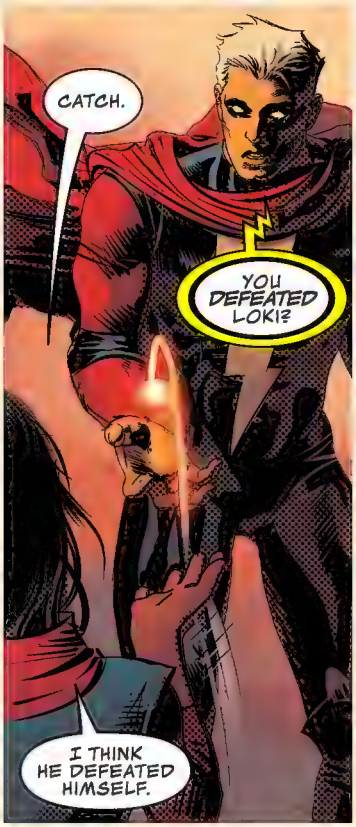
SAKKCCEEAACK!

HA.
NO!

WE HAVE YOU!

WE ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY.
THOUGH I'M PRETTY SURE WE DIDN'T DO SUCH A GREAT JOB ACTUALLY GUARDING MUCH THIS GO AROUND.
NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HADN'T PREVENTED ME FROM ENTERING THE SOUL GEM.
NOW, WHERE ARE THESE MAGIC ROCKS?
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE DEAD.
THIS...CANNOT BE. THE UNIVERSE EXISTS, SO MUST THE STONES. TIME, SPACE, SOUL, REALITY, MIND AND POWER.
YEAH, WE GOT ALL THAT--

--AND WE GOT THAT SOUL GEM FOR YOU.


CATCH.
YOU DEFEATED LOKI?
I THINK HE DEFEATED HIMSELF.

WE MUST USE THE STONES IN CONCERT TO STOP DEVONDRA!

YOU CAN'T STOP HER WHILE SHE'S IN SOUL-WORLD.
SHE'S THE REASON IT HAS ALWAYS HUNGERED.
WE CAN ONLY MAKE SOMETHING NEW FROM THE THREAD SHE SPINS LATER.
YOU'RE AS WEAK AS YOU WERE WHEN I PLUCKED YOU FROM THE CORPSES OF YOUR PARENTS.

THEN WE MUST PULL APART OUR WARPED FRIENDS, RESTORE OUR UNIVERSE AND ESCAPE FROM HERE.
WAIT! IF YOU DO THAT-- WHAT HAPPENS TO MY WORLD?
I DON'T BELIEVE IN "NO-WIN" SCENARIOS.
I'M NOT LETTING EITHER OF OUR WORLDS BE CONSUMED.
THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO USE THIS POWER TO RESTORE BOTH UNIVERSES.
PERHAPS... I COULD COPY ALL THE SOULS FROM THIS "WARP WORLD" BACK INTO OURS, BUT DEVONDRA WOULD REMAIN A CONSTANT THREAT IN HERE.
I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'M GOING TO LET THAT UGLY THING EAT ME.
LET'S SEE WHAT THE STRONGEST CAN DO WITH THE SPACE STONE.
UH, HEY-- LET'S NOT RUSH OFF HALF-COCKED.

BA DA BOOM
SKREEEEE!

IS THAT A-- DID YOU JUST USE THE SPACE STONE TO MAKE A BLACK HOLE?!
PHYSICS IS THE STRONGEST ONE THERE IS.

NOW WE LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE.

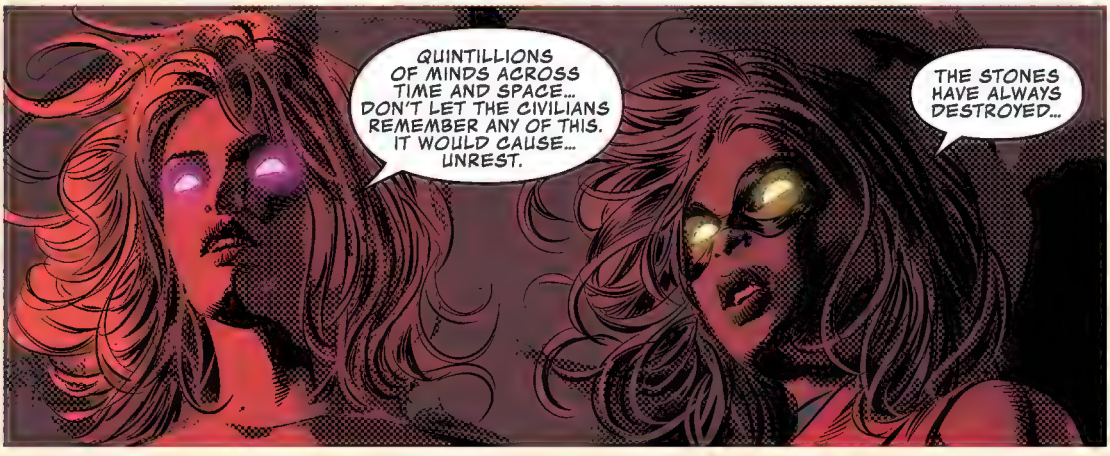
I TOOK OUT THE TRASH. NOW LET'S GO HOME.
FIRST--

--WE FIX OUR FRIENDS.

THANK YOU!
HEY, WHO'S THIS GUY?!
ARTHUR DOUGLAS.
I ALWAYS HAD TWO SOULS.
WHERE'S ROCKET?
YEESH, DO I FEEL LIKE @#$%.
THAT WAS THE WORST NAP EVER.
WHAT'S GOIN' ON? WHAT'D I MISS?
MS. MARVEL, I NEED YOU TO IMAGINE A NEW WORLD. A BLANK SLATE.
GOTCHA. NOW WHAT?
NOW WE CREATE A UNIVERSE.

WE'RE GOING TO DRAG ALL THE SOULS FROM OUR WORLD OUT OF THE GEM AND BACK INTO OUR UNIVERSE, BUT WE'RE GOING TO COPY THEM, LEAVING THE WARPS INTACT.

DO YOU ALL UNDERSTAND?


QUINTILLIONS OF MINDS ACROSS TIME AND SPACE... DON'T LET THE CIVILIANS REMEMBER ANY OF THIS. IT WOULD CAUSE... UNREST.
THE STONES HAVE ALWAYS DESTROYED...

"...NOW LET THEM CREATE."
IT WORKED!
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON? I JUST HAD A BRAIN FART SO BAD THAT MY PANTS ARE--
WE'RE JUST SAVING THE DAY, SON.
THE NEW WORLD IS MADE-- NOW WE NEED TO COPY EVERYTHING BACK INTO OUR UNIVERSE.

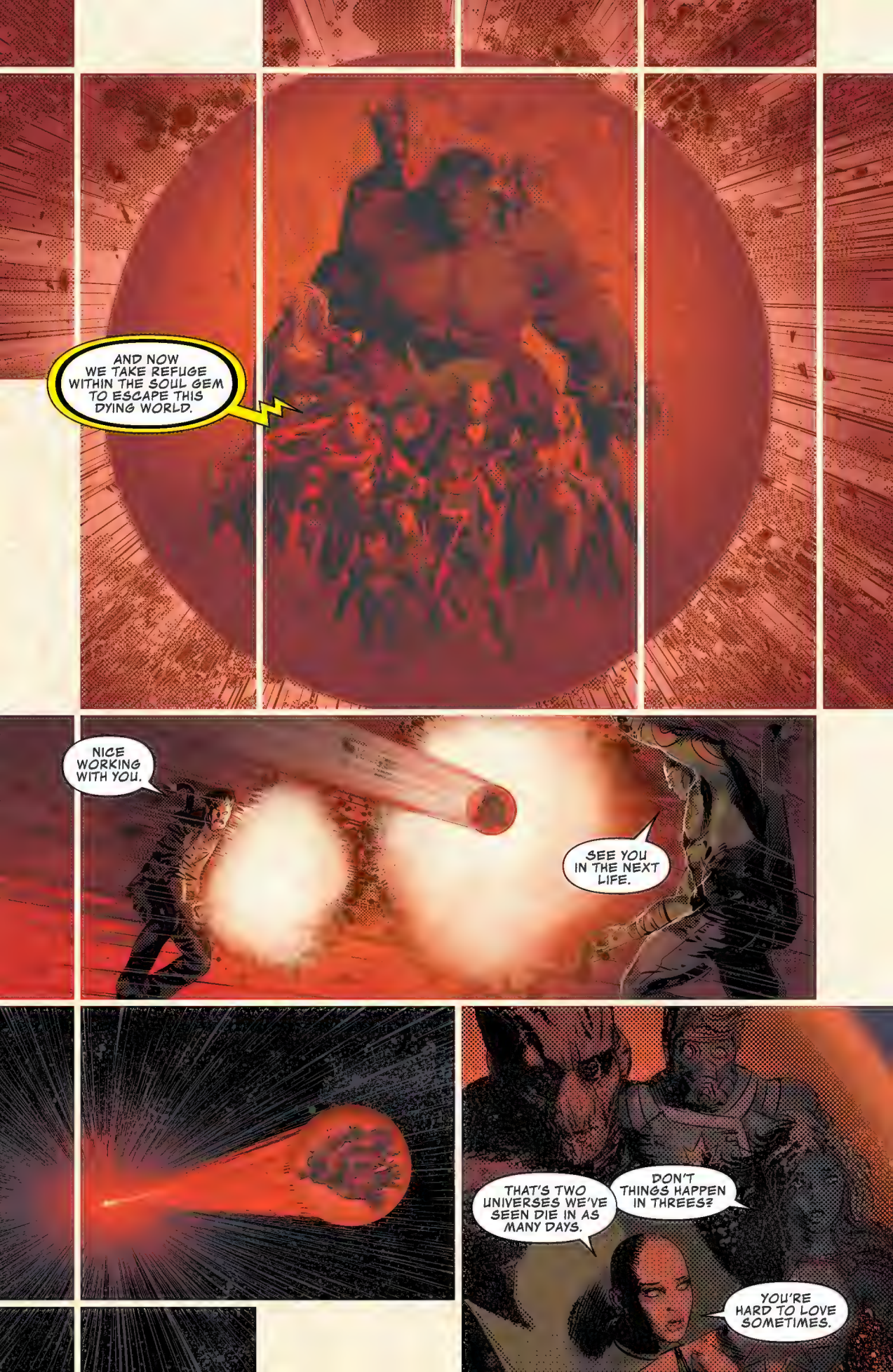
MOONDRAGON!
DRAX!
HOW ARE YOU AND PHYLA HERE?
REQUIEM DESTROYED OUR UNIVERSE AND WE FELL INTO THIS ONE.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN, DAD. MUCH LESS BOTH VERSIONS OF YOU.
IS TH-- YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER?
GUYS-- THAT BLACK HOLE MIGHT HAVE SWALLOWED THAT SPIDER-THING BUT IT'S ABOUT TO CUT THE REUNION SHORT.
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
WE CAN ONLY FORM ONE PORTAL, AND WE'RE NOT EVEN DONE RESTORING BOTH WORLDS.
OUTSIDE OF OUR COUNTERPARTS, NO ONE SHOULD REMEMBER ANYTHING.
LOGAN AND I WERE A GENT NAMED "DIAMOND PATCH."
I WANT TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING.
NO. LET THEM HAVE THEIR OWN LIVES.
YOU'LL NEVER BE AN X-WOMAN WITH THAT ATTITUDE.

THEY NEED TWO PORTALS.
DRAXI HELP ME.
LET'S UPTEMPO THIS GIG.
HAH.
WELL DONE...

...NOW WE CAN SAVE BOTH UNIVERSES AT ONCE.

IT'S DONE. OUR UNIVERSE HAS BEEN RESTORED, AND THE WARP WORLD IS SAFE IN ANOTHER FACET OF THE SOUL GEM...

...BUT NOT WITHOUT COST.
ARTHUR, DRAX. YOU'LL NEED TO STAY BEHIND TO HOLD OPEN THE LEMNISCATE IN ORDER FOR US TO ESCAPE THIS PLACE.
NO!!!
THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY!
IF THEY RELEASE THEIR GRIP, THE PORTALS CLOSE.
IT'S OKAY, MY FRIEND.
WE'RE GOING HOME.
THANK YOU BOTH.


AND NOW WE TAKE REFUGE WITHIN THE SOUL GEM TO ESCAPE THIS DYING WORLD.
NICE WORKING WITH YOU.
SEE YOU IN THE NEXT LIFE.
THAT'S TWO UNIVERSES WE'VE SEEN DIE IN AS MANY DAYS.
DON'T THINGS HAPPEN IN THREES?
YOU'RE HARD TO LOVE SOMETIMES.

THE SOUL GEM PROTECTS US AS WE BORE THROUGH DIMENSIONAL BARRIERS AND PARADOXES.
WE ESCAPE AS DEVONDRA'S UNIVERSE COLLAPSES INTO NOTHINGNESS.
IT IS BUT ONE RUINED SECTION OF HONEYCOMB WITHIN THE GEM, AND NOW IT IS HOME TO THE "WARP WORLD".

BUT I FEEL NO JOY IN THE DUAL VICTORIES, BECAUSE AS WE CRASH BACK TO EARTH...

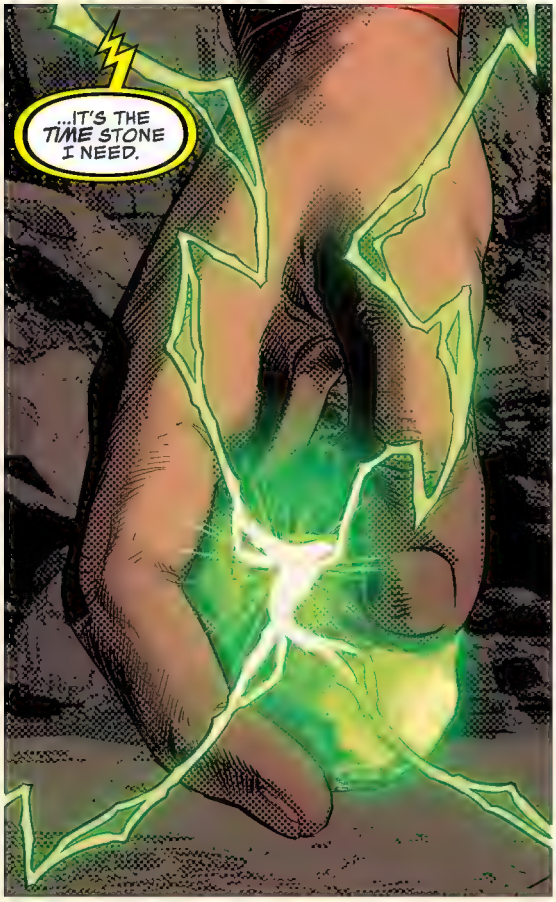
...I'M AFRAID THIS IS NOT THE *END* OF THIS INFINITY WAR, BUT ONLY THE BEGINNING.

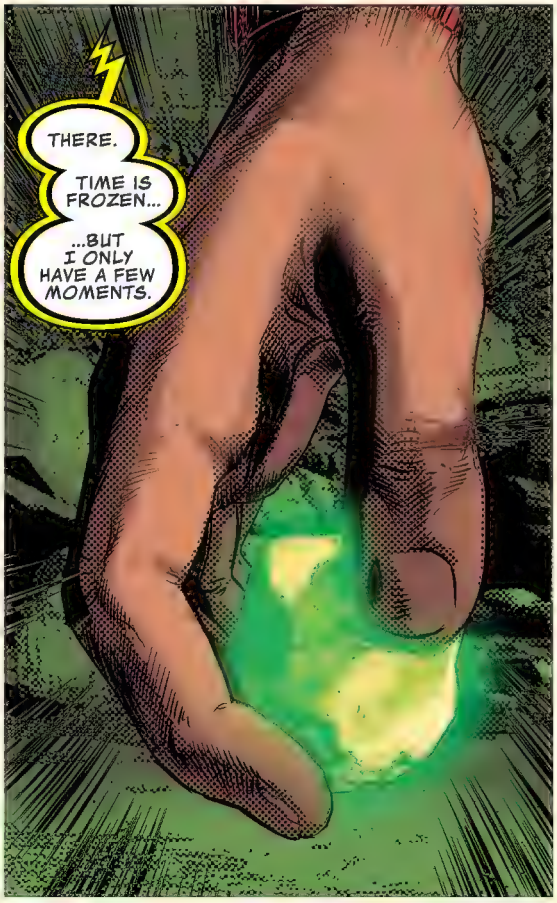
UHN.

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!
YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR DESTROYING OUR UNIVERSE!

WHOA! LET'S CHILL. AND IF YOU WANNA KILL HER, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME.
LET'S ALL REMEMBER: SOME BAD THINGS HAPPENED, BUT WE PREVENTED THE WORST FROM HAPPENING.
THE REQUIEM OF OUR UNIVERSE DESTROYED ALL OF CREATION.
HOW CAN YOU LET THIS ONE LIVE?
BECAUSE THIS GAMORA DIDN'T.
WE PREVENTED CATASTROPHE HERE.
IF THEY WANT A FIGHT, THEN--
NO.
IN OUR DIMENSION, PETER QUILL DIED IN THE CANCERVERSE.
PERHAPS HAVING A STAR-LORD ALIVE HERE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE?
HOW CAN WE TRUST THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE TO HER FRIENDS?

WHY DON'T WE DIVIDE THE STONES UP? KEEP THEM SEPARATED?
I WILL REMOVE THESE WEAPONS TO THE END OF TIME.
HANDS OFF, KANG.
WHAK
HOW DARE YOU EVEN TOUCH ME, MONSTER!
IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN. THE EMBERS THREATEN TO START A CONFLAGRATION.
DON'T TOUCH THAT SOUL STONE, WARLOCK.
I WON'T...


...IT'S THE TIME STONE I NEED.


THERE.
TIME IS FROZEN...
...BUT I ONLY HAVE A FEW MOMENTS.

CHAOS WILL REIGN AGAIN UNLESS I CAN FORCE A PEACE RIGHT NOW.
BUT WITH THE STONES, I CAN REWRITE THE ENDING.

HOW FAR BACK DO I DARE GO TO TRY TO FIX EVERYTHING?
THESE TWO FOUGHT THEIR WAY HERE.
DO I SAVE DRAX, ONLY TO DOOM PHYLA AND MOONDRAGON AGAIN?

AND WHO ARE YOU? REQUIEM? OR GAMORA?
ONE OF THEM WILL SURELY KILL YOU WHEN TIME SLIPS BACK INTO GEAR.
PERHAPS... THAT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST.
EVERYONE THAT HAS EVER BEEN IN MY POSITION TO WIELD INFINITE POWER HAS BEEN *UNDONE* BY THEIR CHOICES.
PERHAPS I SHOULD NOT DECIDE THE OUTCOME...
...MAYBE *THEY* SHOULD.

DON'T TOUCH THE SOUL STONE-- WAIT--WHERE'S GAMORA?
I SENT HER AWAY FROM HERE.
OH BOY, HERE WE GO AGAIN.
NO, ROCKET.
I SENT HER AWAY, AND THEN I RELINQUISHED THE POWER INFINITE.

WHERE DID YOU SEND HER?
I DO NOT KNOW.
I USED THE STONES TO WISH THAT SHE BE DELIVERED TO A PLACE WHERE SHE CAN DO THE MOST GOOD.
AND THAT IF I HAVE ERRED, I ALONE PAY THE PRICE.
I CAN HOPE SHE IS SET UPON A PATH OF REDEMPTION.
SO NOW WHAT?!
WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE!
CALM DOWN, PETER.
WARLOCK, YOU SAID YOU "RELINQUISHED" THE POWER INFINITE. RELINQUISHED TO WHOM?
TO THE STONES, OF COURSE.

HUMANITY WILL FIGHT AND DIE FOR CONTROL OVER A COUPLE OF STONES.
WE WILL NEVER BE FREE OF THEIR BURDEN.
SO I GAVE EACH STONE A SOUL OF ITS OWN.
THEY WILL LEAD THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL LIVES. WRITE THEIR OWN DESTINIES.
YEARS AGO THE SOUL GEM GAVE ME A SOUL.
NOW I THINK I KNOW WHY.
IT'S SO I COULD GIVE THAT SAME GIFT NOW.

THESE SOULS WILL PROTECT THEMSELVES OR DIE TRYING.
AND IF THEY DO, WE WILL BE RIGHT BACK HERE AGAIN.
IN THE SAME STORY.

WELL. AT LEAST THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T TRIED YET.

I SUPPOSE *YOU* WILL KEEP THE SOUL GEM.

YES.
WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP AND--

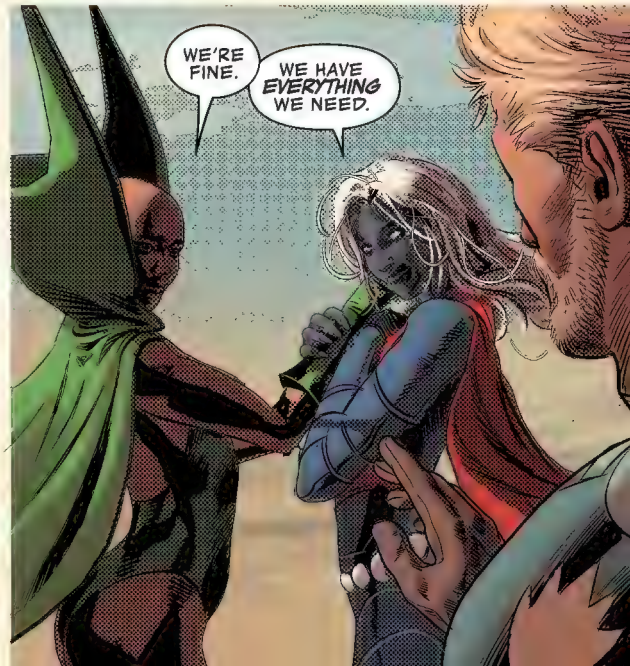
WHA--?!

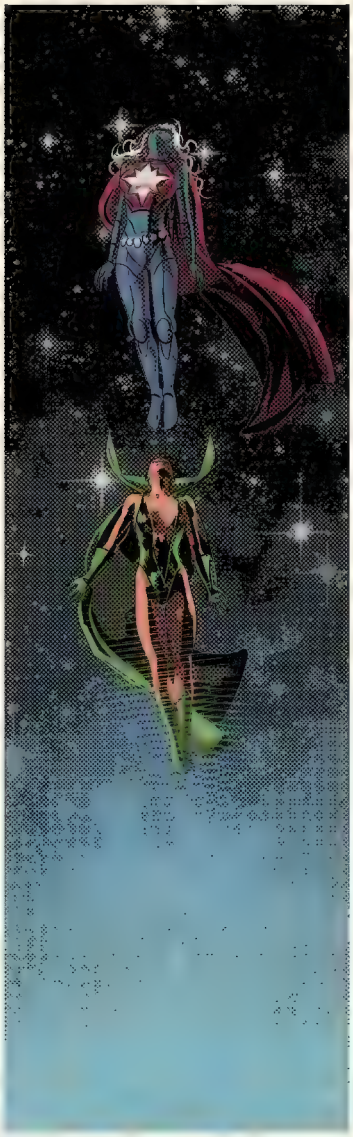
LOOKS LIKE THAT DUMB ROCK HAS OTHER PLANS.

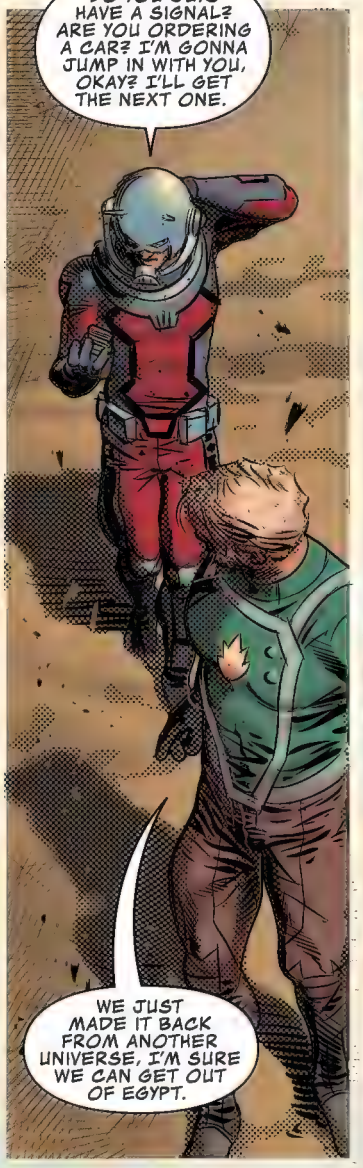
SORRY YOU GOT DUMPED. I'M SURE THERE'S ANOTHER ROCK OUT THERE FOR YOU.
SHUT UP, PETER.

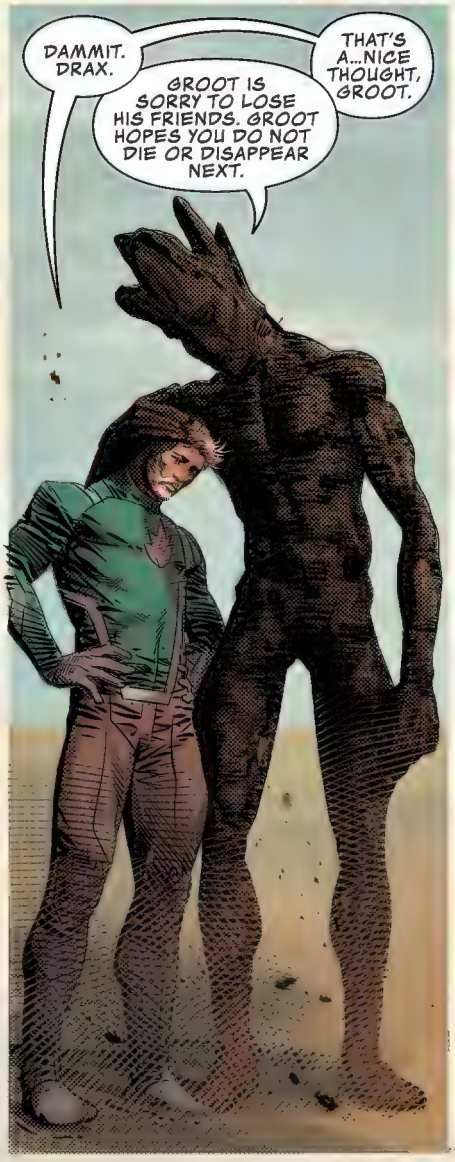
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE JUST CAST GAMORA OUT.
I'D THINK YOU'D BE MORE GRATEFUL FOR ME SAVING HER LIFE.
NOW I NEED SOME TIME ALONE, PETER.

YOU TWO NEED ANYTHING?


WE'RE FINE.
WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED.




DO YOU GUYS HAVE A SIGNAL? ARE YOU ORDERING A CAR? I'M GONNA JUMP IN WITH YOU, OKAY? I'LL GET THE NEXT ONE.
WE JUST MADE IT BACK FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE, I'M SURE WE CAN GET OUT OF EGYPT.

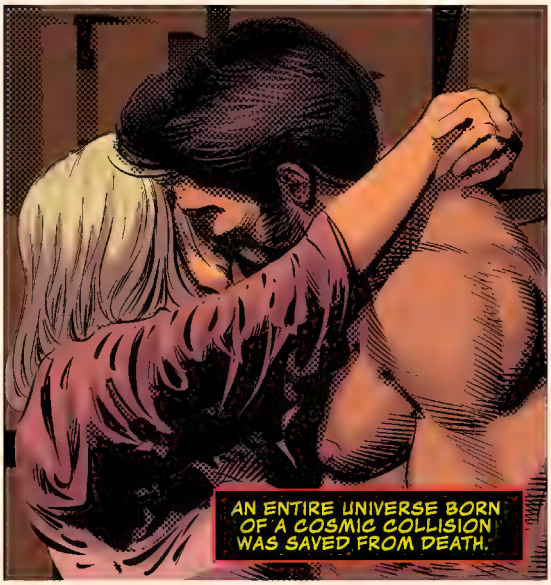

DAMMIT. DRAX.
GROOT IS SORRY TO LOSE HIS FRIENDS. GROOT HOPES YOU DO NOT DIE OR DISAPPEAR NEXT.
THAT'S A...NICE THOUGHT, GROOT.

THIS SHOULD NOT FEEL LIKE A DEFEAT.

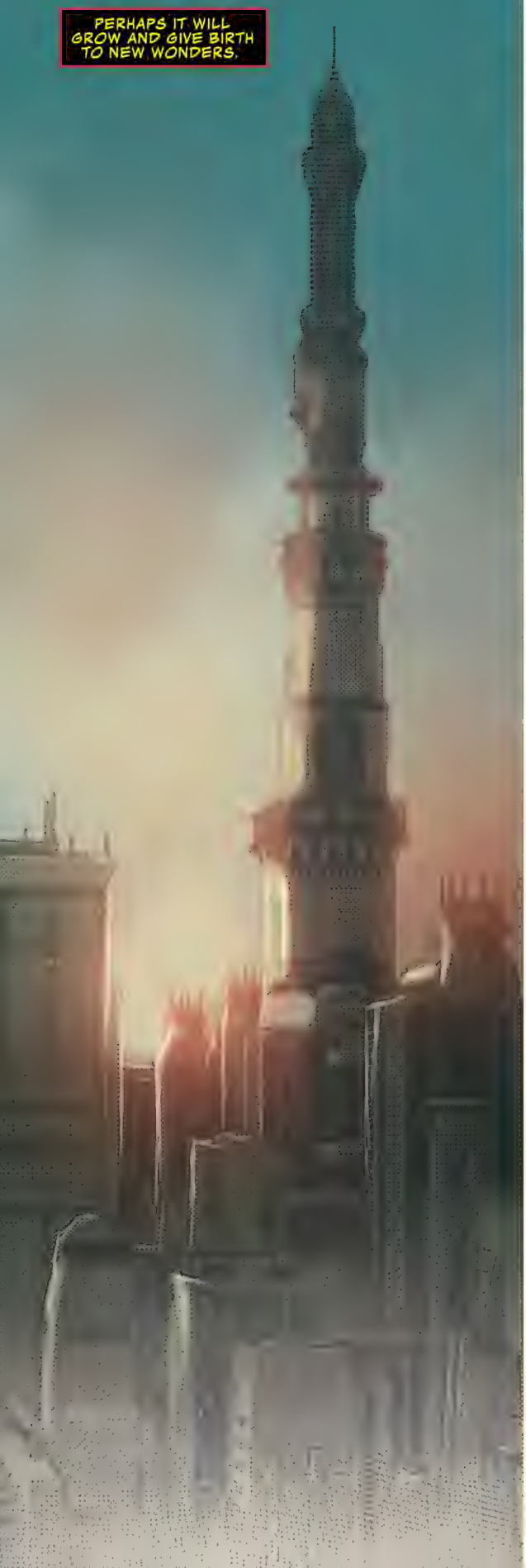
ARTHUR DOUGLAS' UNTIMELY DEATH IS UNDONE.

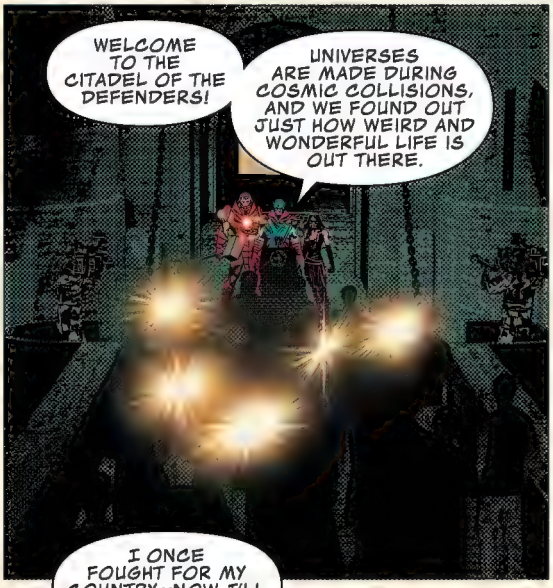
HE'S BACK WHERE HE WAS HAPPIEST.

SURROUNDED BY LOVE.


AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE BORN OF A COSMIC COLLISION WAS SAVED FROM DEATH.

SPECIAL EDITION
DAILY BUGLE
WORLD DEFENDERS FORM


PERHAPS IT WILL GROW AND GIVE BIRTH TO NEW WONDERS.


WELCOME TO THE CITADEL OF THE DEFENDERS!
UNIVERSES ARE MADE DURING COSMIC COLLISIONS, AND WE FOUND OUT JUST HOW WEIRD AND WONDERFUL LIFE IS OUT THERE.

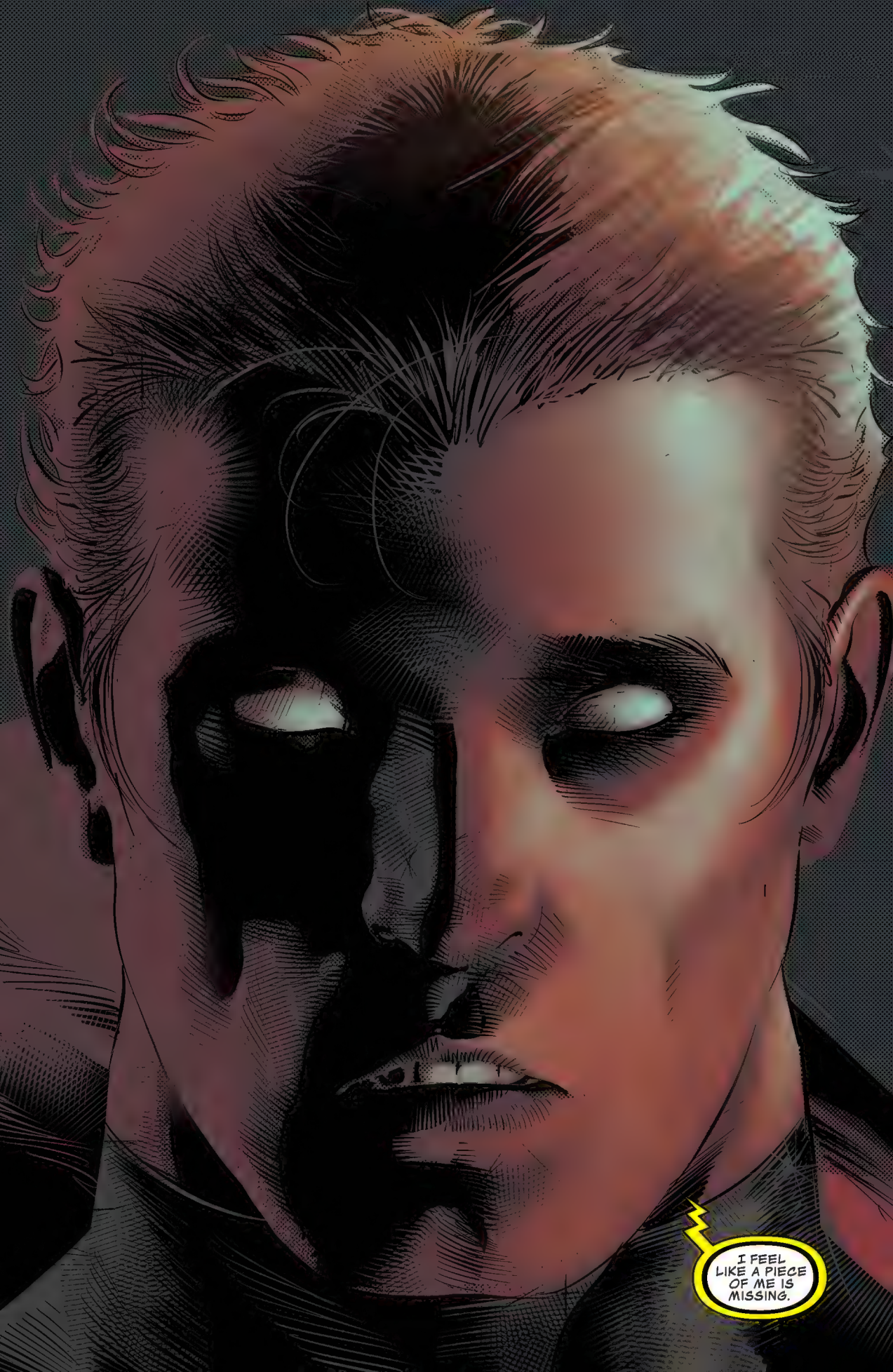
I ONCE FOUGHT FOR MY COUNTRY--NOW I'LL FIGHT FOR MY WORLD.
EVERY LIFE MUST BE DEFENDED, EVERY LOSS AVENGED.

THIS WORLD WILL HAVE ITS OWN DEFENDERS--AND WE WILL NEVER GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.
EVEN GAMORA WAS PULLED FROM THE BRINK...

...TO FIND A NEW PATH.
:SIGH:
WHAKK
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, WARLOCK?
WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS MAGUS.
YES. I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

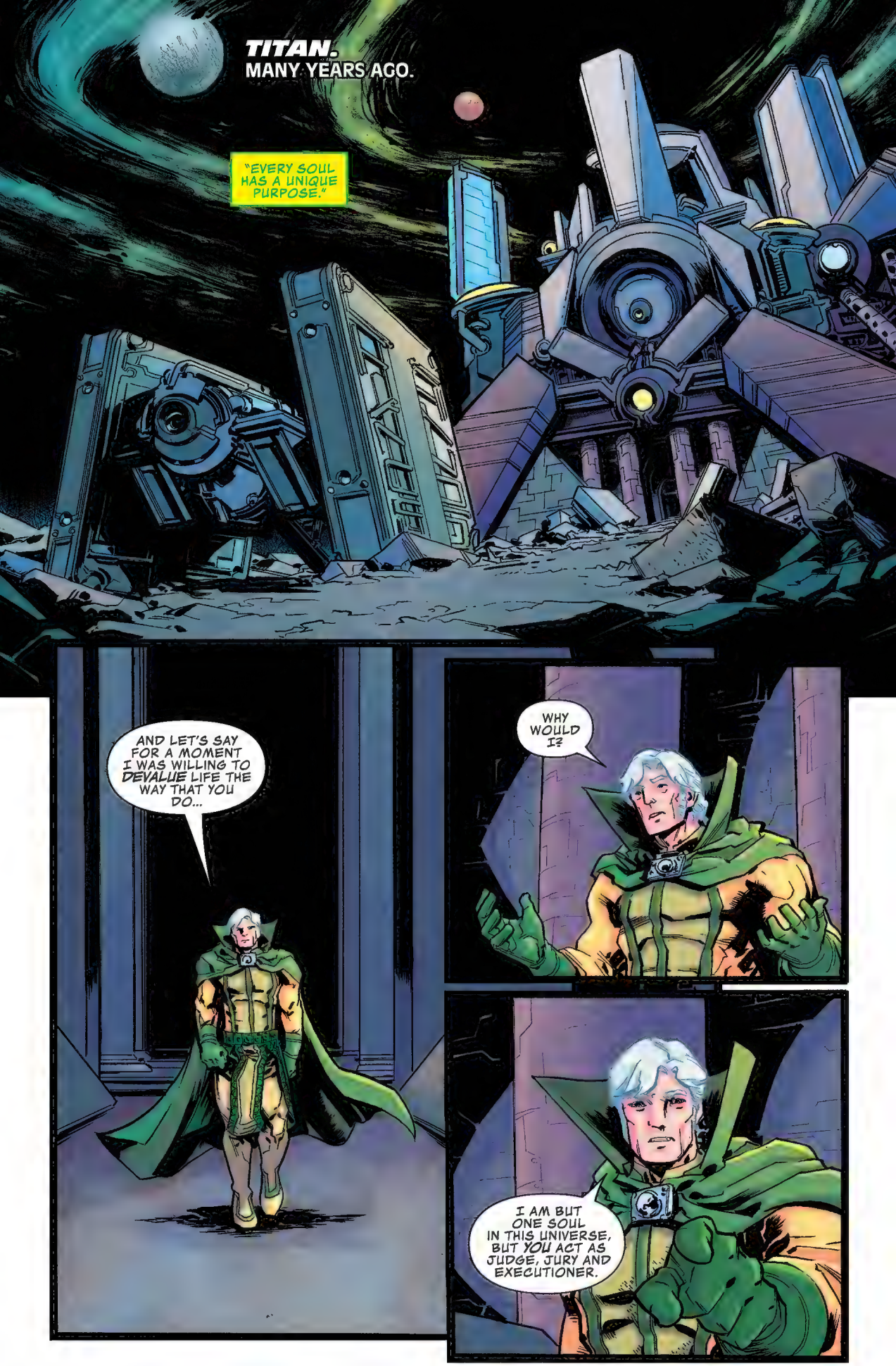
WHERE ARE WE?
HOW DID I GET HERE?
IT'S A LONG STORY. COME ALONG, AND I'LL TELL YOU.
HEH. LET'S SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT THIS.
H-HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
I WAS SENT HERE BY A FRIEND.

OMNIPOTENCE CITY.
"THE END... FOR NOW." THAT ABOUT SUMS IT UP...
...BUT I'LL LEAVE A FEW PAGES IN THE BACK IN CASE SOME OF THE TIME-TRAVEL ELEMENTS OF THE STORY HAVE YET TO PRESENT THEMSELVES.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPANY ME ON MY NEXT QUEST?
WHAT WARLOCK HAS DONE...THERE'S GOING TO BE HELL TO PAY.
NO, THANK YOU. MY LIBRARY NEEDS ME.
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T COME.
BUT I MIGHT JUST MISS YOU...


I FEEL LIKE A PIECE OF ME IS MISSING.

THE END & A BEGINNING

INFINITY WARS FALLEN GUARDIAN 1

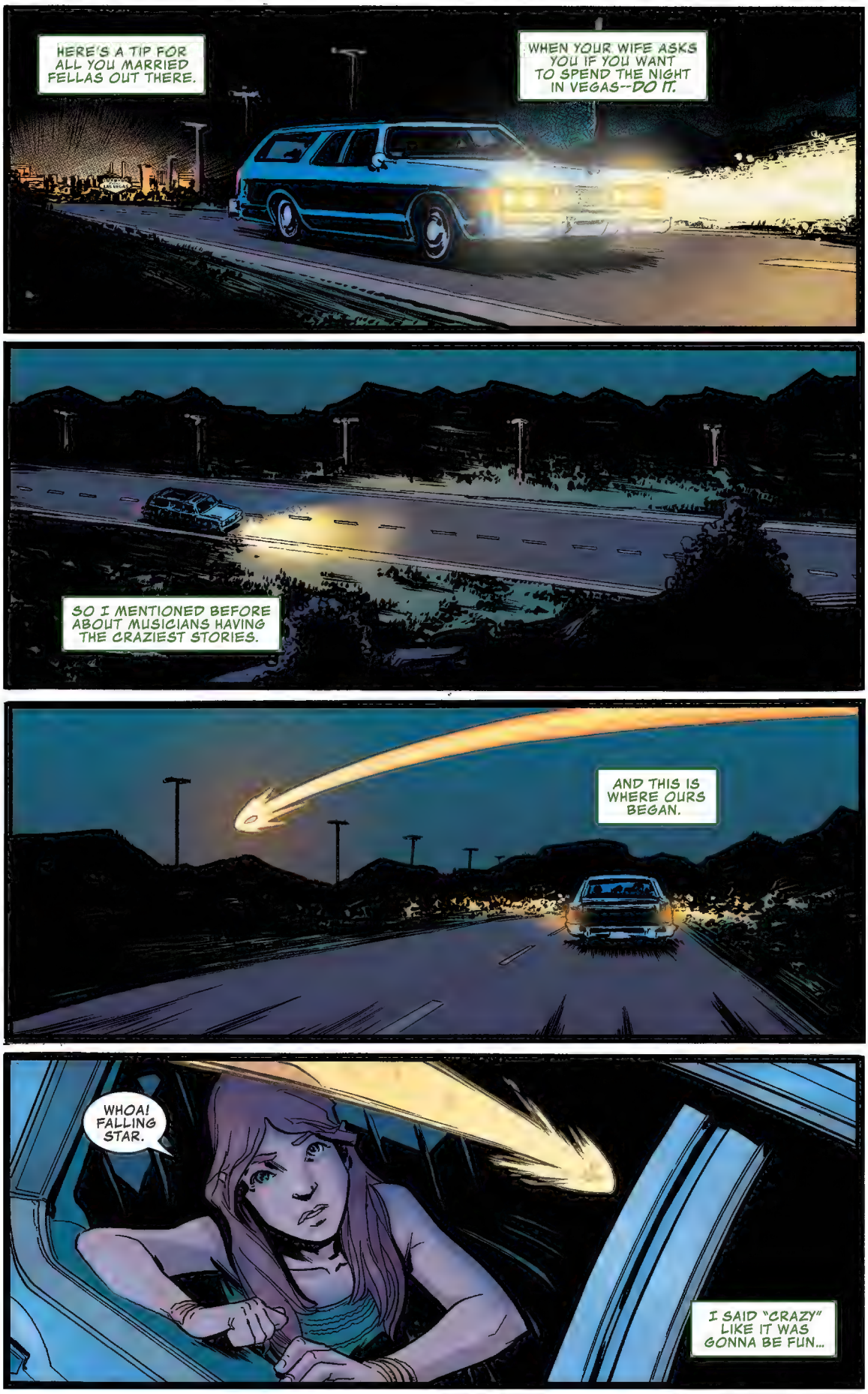

TITAN.
MANY YEARS AGO.
"EVERY SOUL HAS A UNIQUE PURPOSE."
AND LET'S SAY FOR A MOMENT I WAS WILLING TO DEVALUE LIFE THE WAY THAT YOU DO...
WHY WOULD I?
I AM BUT ONE SOUL IN THIS UNIVERSE, BUT YOU ACT AS JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER.

YOU'VE BECOME A WEAKLING AND AN IDIOT, FATHER.
YOU'RE AN EMBARRASSMENT.
AND YOU'RE A DANGER, MY SON.

MUSICIANS HAVE THE CRAZIEST STORIES.
DYIN' ON ACCOUNT OF THE FLIP OF A COIN.
OR SELLING THEIR SOUL TO A DEVIL.
BUT NOBODY HAS A CRAZIER STORY THAN ME.
BUENA VISTA HOTEL
LONGSLOTS
CLUB
COSMIC

MY NAME IS ARTHUR DOUGLAS, AND I DESTROY-- ON THE SAX.

THOSE ARE MY GIRLS AT THE BAR.
MY WIFE YVETTE AND OUR DAUGHTER HEATHER.
THIS IS MY BAND.
WE'RE NOT RICH OR FAMOUS, BUT WE CAN FILL A ROOM.
IT WAS A GREAT SHOW, DAD.
THANKS.
YOU SURE WE DON'T WANT TO GET A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT AND DRIVE BACK IN THE MORNING?
YOU KNOW HOW THE FIFTEEN CAN GET.
WE'LL BE GOOD. YOU TWO CAN SLEEP IN THE CAR.


HERE'S A TIP FOR ALL YOU MARRIED FELLAS OUT THERE.
WHEN YOUR WIFE ASKS YOU IF YOU WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN VEGAS--DO IT.
SO I MENTIONED BEFORE ABOUT MUSICIANS HAVING THE CRAZIEST STORIES.
AND THIS IS WHERE OURS BEGAN.
WHOA! FALLING STAR.
I SAID "CRAZY" LIKE IT WAS GONNA BE FUN...

...BUT THIS WAS THE NIGHT MY LIFE TURNED TO HELL.
YOU'RE RIGHT! THERE IT IS!
IT'S SLOWING DOWN...
THERE'S NO GOOD REASON FOR WHAT HAPPENED.

OTHER THAN THE PURE MEANNESS OF A TYRANT.
SOMETIMES IN THE NIGHTMARE, OUR LIVES END IN A BEAM OF LIGHT.
SOMETIMES I SEE THANOS' FACE.
THE RESULT IS ALWAYS THE SAME.
THE THREE OF US DIE.

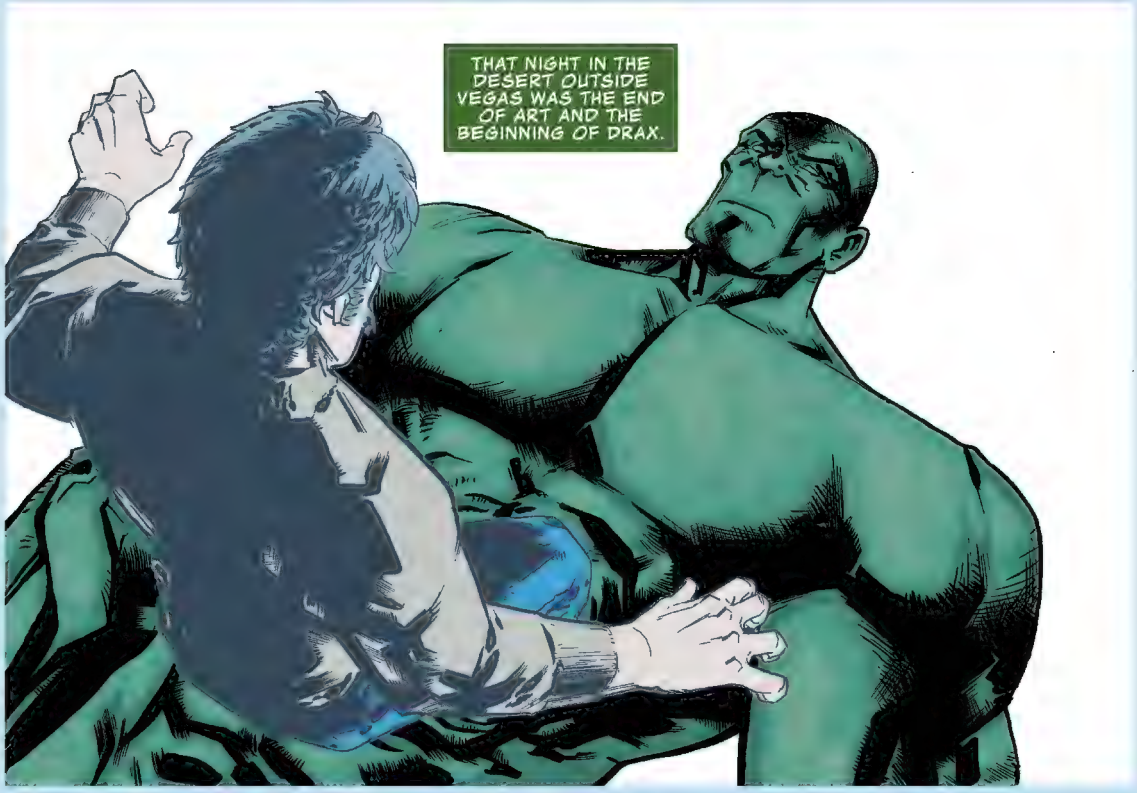
HEATHER?
YVETTE?
OH GOD, WHY?
I TRIED TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING.
MY NAME IS MENTOR.
IN SOME WAYS THIS IS *MY* FAULT... I CANNOT UNDO THE TRAGEDY, BUT I WANT TO OFFER YOU A *SECOND CHANCE.*

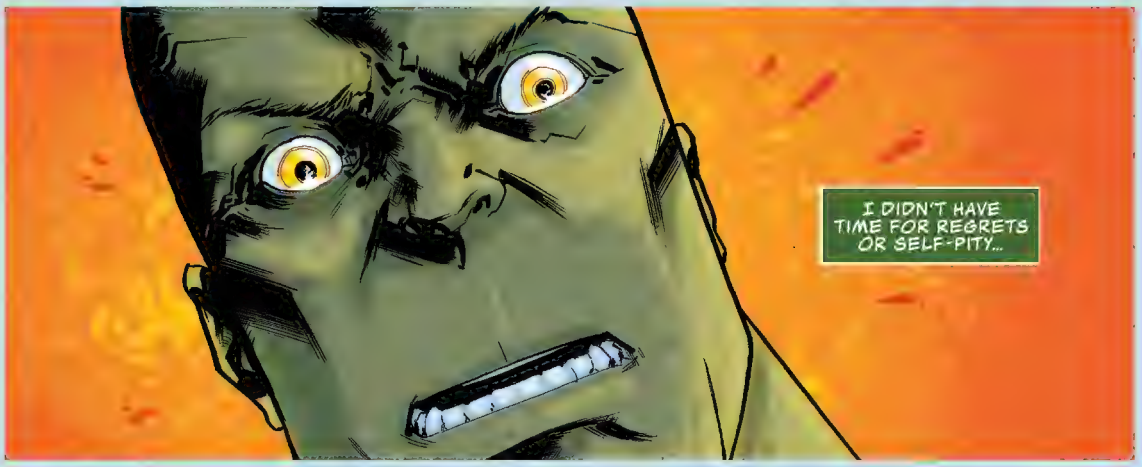
HOWEVER, YOU MUST MAKE THE CHOICE, ARTHUR DOUGLAS.
DO YOU WISH TO TRY TO AVENGE THIS INJUSTICE?
YES.
SO BE IT.
THE BIG BOPPER DIED ON A 50-50 TOSS-UP.
I GOT MY FAMILY KILLED 'CAUSE I WAS TOO CHEAP TO PAY FOR A HOTEL ROOM.

CHRONOS, PREPARE THE YOUNG WOMAN.
HER STRENGTH WILL BE HER MIND.
AND YOUR GIFT WILL BE OF THE BODY.
WHAT ABOUT MY WIFE?
I'M SORRY.
HER PHYSICAL FORM WAS TOO BADLY DAMAGED BEFORE WE INTERVENED. SHE IS GONE FOREVER... BUT YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER WILL BE REBORN AS...

"...DRAX THE DESTROYER AND MOONDRAGON.
"LET THE CRIME OF WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FAMILY FUEL YOUR HUNGER FOR VENGEANCE--THE GALAXY WILL HAVE NEED OF IT.
"I WILL ASK YOU TO DO WHAT I CANNOT. YOU WILL OPPOSE THANOS, AND IF NEED BE...END HIM.
"IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT YOU SHOULD JUDGE HIM, BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED BY HIM."

NOT EVERYONE CAN SAY THEY REMEMBER THEIR OWN BIRTH.
WHO WOULD WANT TO?
BUT I DO.


THAT NIGHT IN THE DESERT OUTSIDE VEGAS WAS THE END OF ART AND THE BEGINNING OF DRAX.


I DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR REGRETS OR SELF-PITY...

...THERE WAS TOO MUCH TO DESTROY.

I WAS REBORN FOR VENGEANCE.

I MADE SOME MISTAKES ALONG THE WAY...BUT THE GOOD OUTWEIGHED THE BAD.

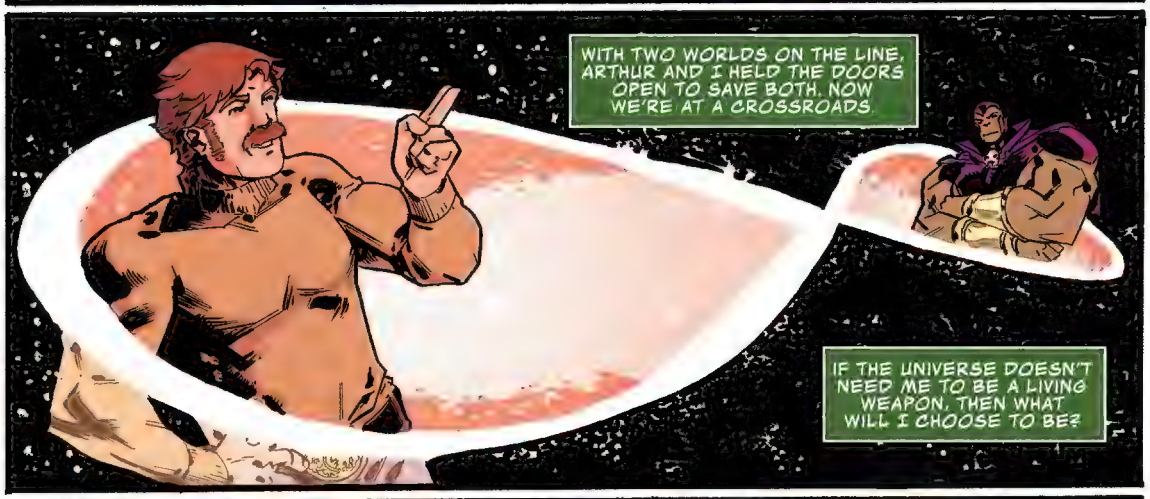
THANOS WAS MY MISSION. BUT THERE WAS SOME FUN TOO. AS TIME WENT ON I MADE POWERFUL FRIENDS.

WE SAVED COUNTLESS OTHER BEINGS FROM MY FATE.

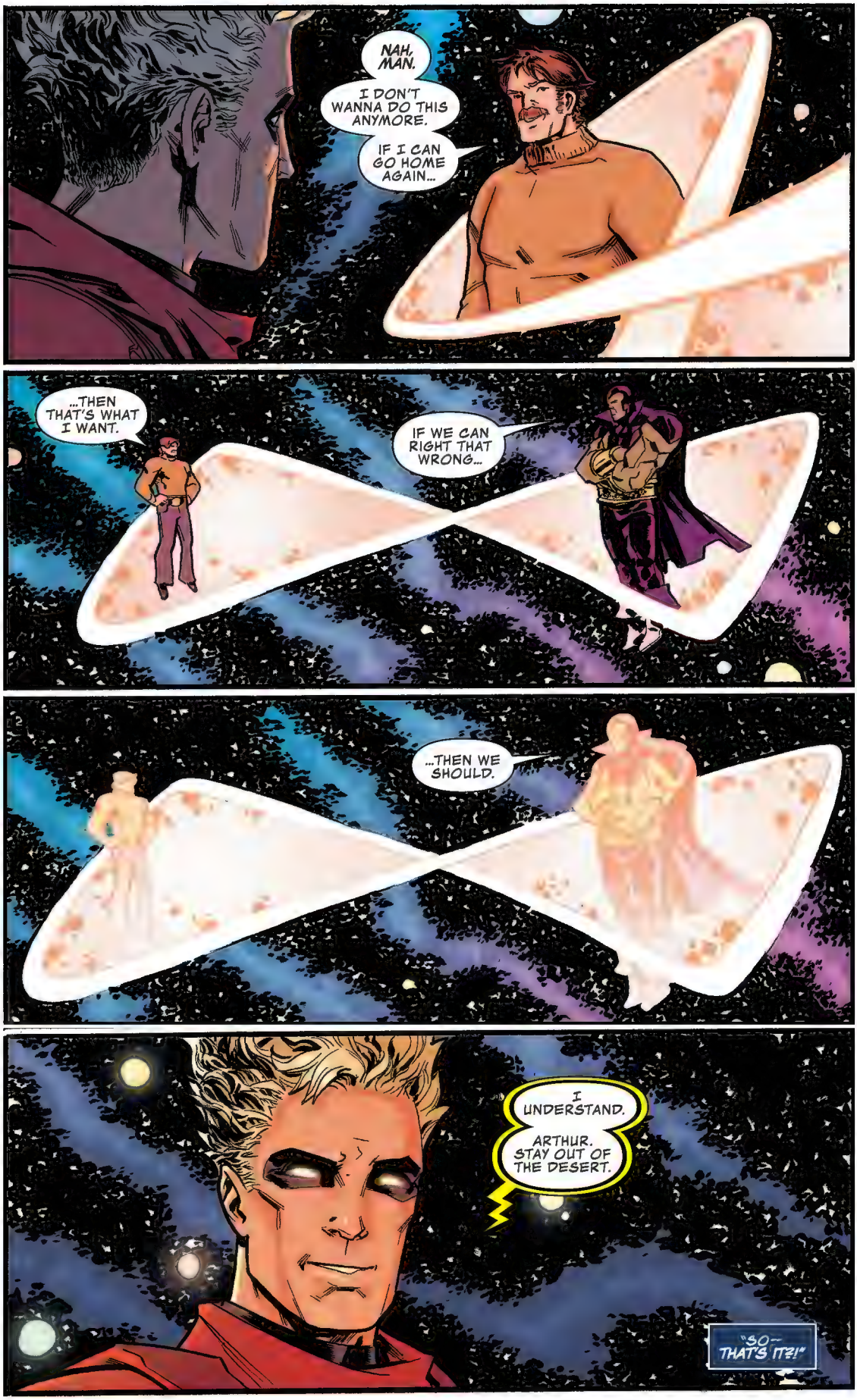
I DIED ONCE OR TWICE TOO
ARISE, DRAX. WE WILL LIVE AGAIN...
BUT THAT WAS NEVER THE END OF MY STORY.
...IN SOUL WORLD.
I WAS ONLY HIDDEN AWAY...
...UNTIL I WAS NEEDED AGAIN.

MAYBE HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF
ALL I KNOW IS... I'M EXHAUSTED. PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.
NOW THAT GAMORA HAS RID THE UNIVERSE OF MY NEMESIS...
...PERHAPS I CAN UNCLENCH MY FISTS.
PERHAPS MY FIGHT IS OVER.

I HAD DREAMS OF MY OWN.
THIS IS GROOVY.
IS IT?


WITH TWO WORLDS ON THE LINE, ARTHUR AND I HELD THE DOORS OPEN TO SAVE BOTH. NOW WE'RE AT A CROSSROADS.
IF THE UNIVERSE DOESN'T NEED ME TO BE A LIVING WEAPON, THEN WHAT WILL I CHOOSE TO BE?

DRAX. ARTHUR. YOU WERE ALWAYS *TWO* SOULS WARPED TOGETHER.
I CAN USE THE STONE TO ENTER SOUL WORLD AND COLLECT YOU AFTER THE INFINITY WARS.


NAH, MAN.
I DON'T WANNA DO THIS ANYMORE.
IF I CAN GO HOME AGAIN...
...THEN THAT'S WHAT I WANT.
IF WE CAN RIGHT THAT WRONG...
...THEN WE SHOULD.
I UNDERSTAND.
ARTHUR. STAY OUT OF THE DESERT.
"SO-- THAT'S IT?!"

YES, THAT IS IT, STAR-LORD. DRAX AND ARTHUR DECIDED THEIR FIGHTS WERE OVER.

WELL, HE DIDN'T TELL *ME* THAT!

I WISH I COULD HEAR IT FROM HIM.

GROOT DOESN'T LIKE CAMPFIRES.

GROOT WONDERS IF YOU BOTH CAN'T CLING TOGETHER FOR WARMTH RATHER THAN BURN WOOD?

NO, THANK YOU.

NAH.

PETER, EVEN IF I WANTED TO IGNORE THEIR WISHES--

"--I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO SOUL WORLD RIGHT NOW. THE STONE HAS GONE OFF INTO THE UNIVERSE TO JOIN WITH AN UNKNOWN PERSON.

"WE MUST HAVE FAITH THAT WHEREVER ART IS--
--HE IS HAPPY.
"DRAX BROUGHT MUCH INTO ALL YOUR LIVES, BUT ART PAID THE PRICE.
"NOW THE SCALES HAVE BEEN BALANCED.
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOY?
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOY?

"I'M SURE THERE ARE MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT HE WAS KEPT FROM."
ART BOUGLAS
the Anticipation tour
AUGUST 26
GALAXIES
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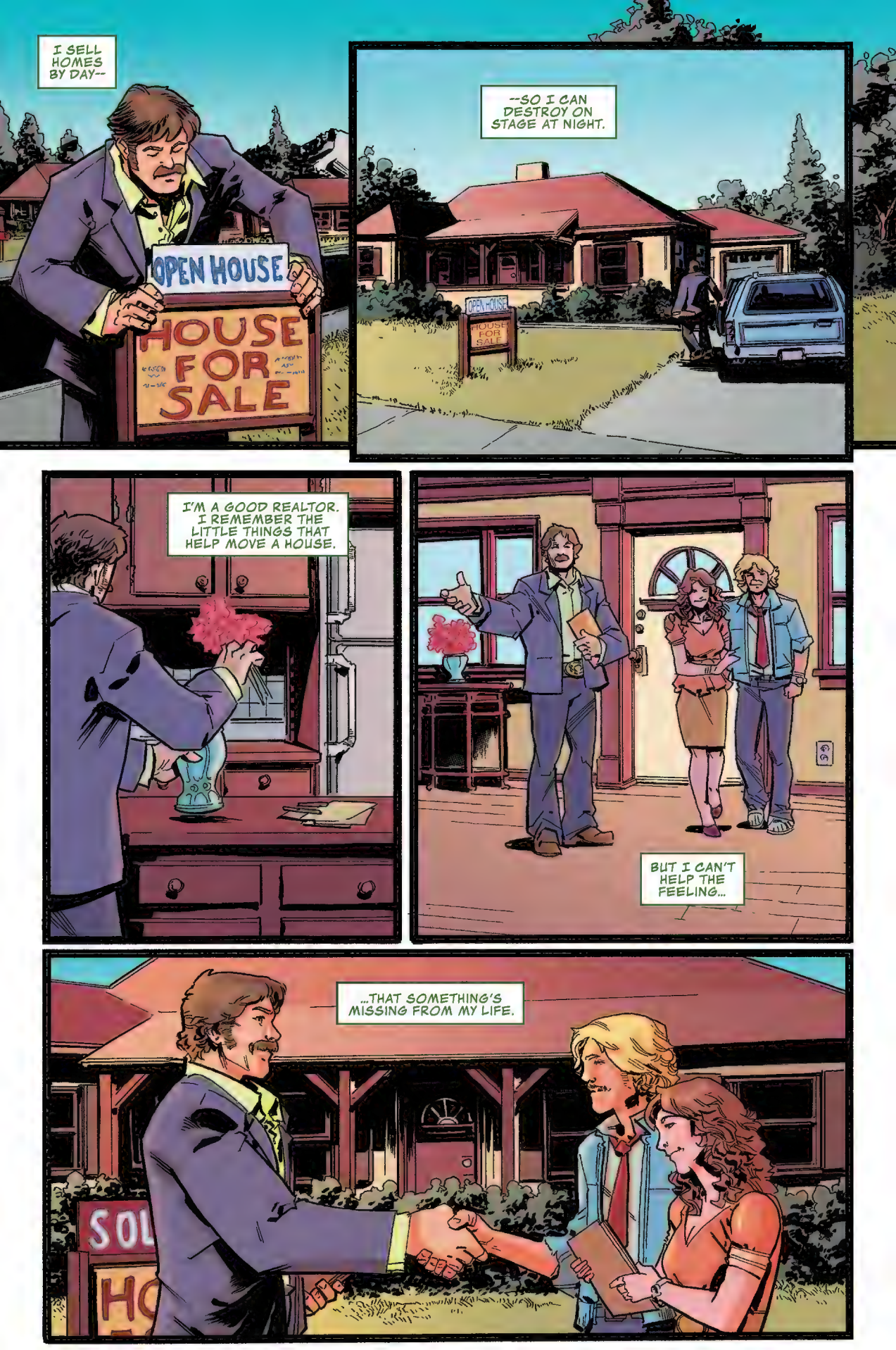
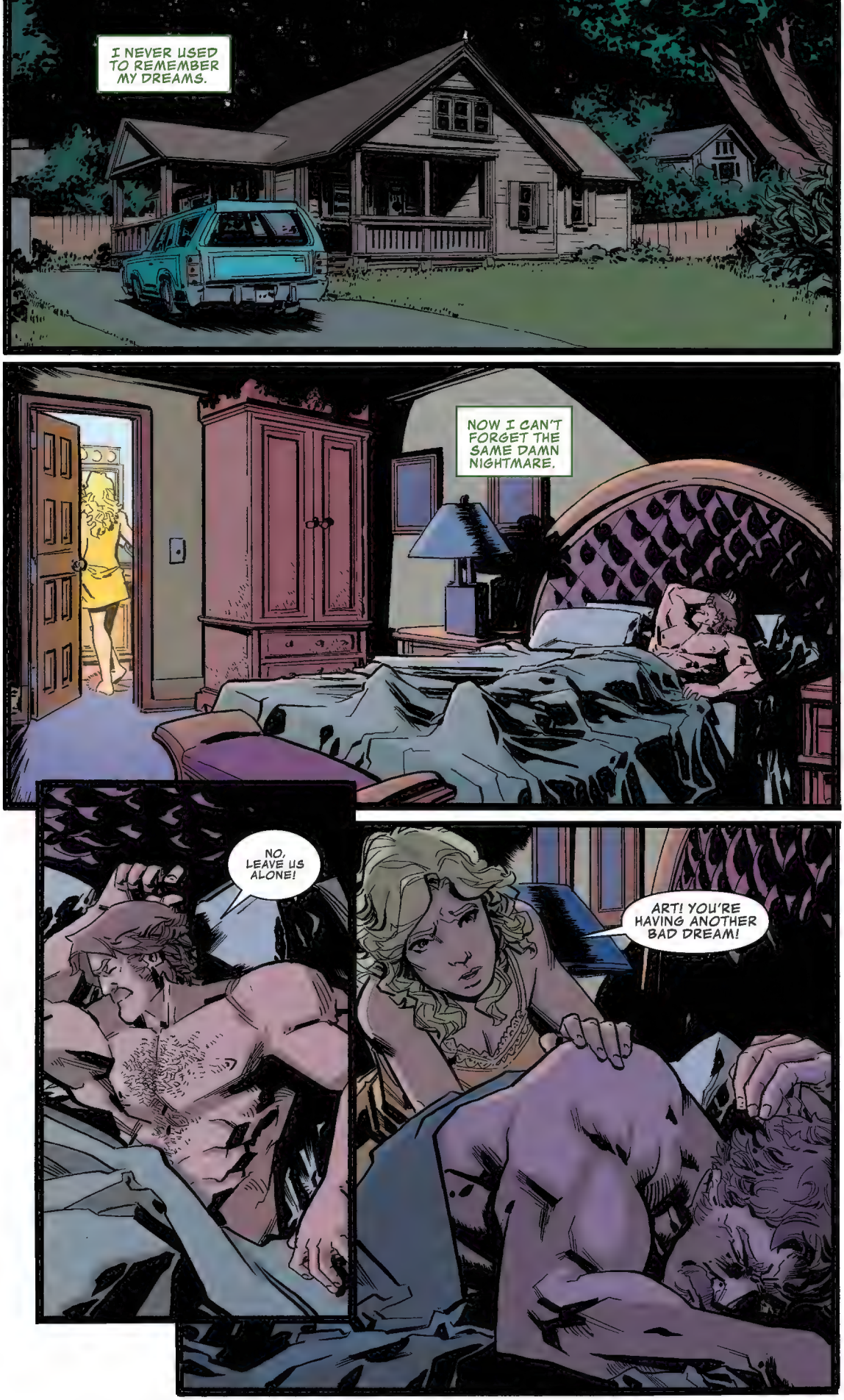
Comic Visit
AH, HELL.
WELL, I TOLD YOU MY STORY WAS OVER, AND IT LOOKS LIKE I MIGHTA LIED. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

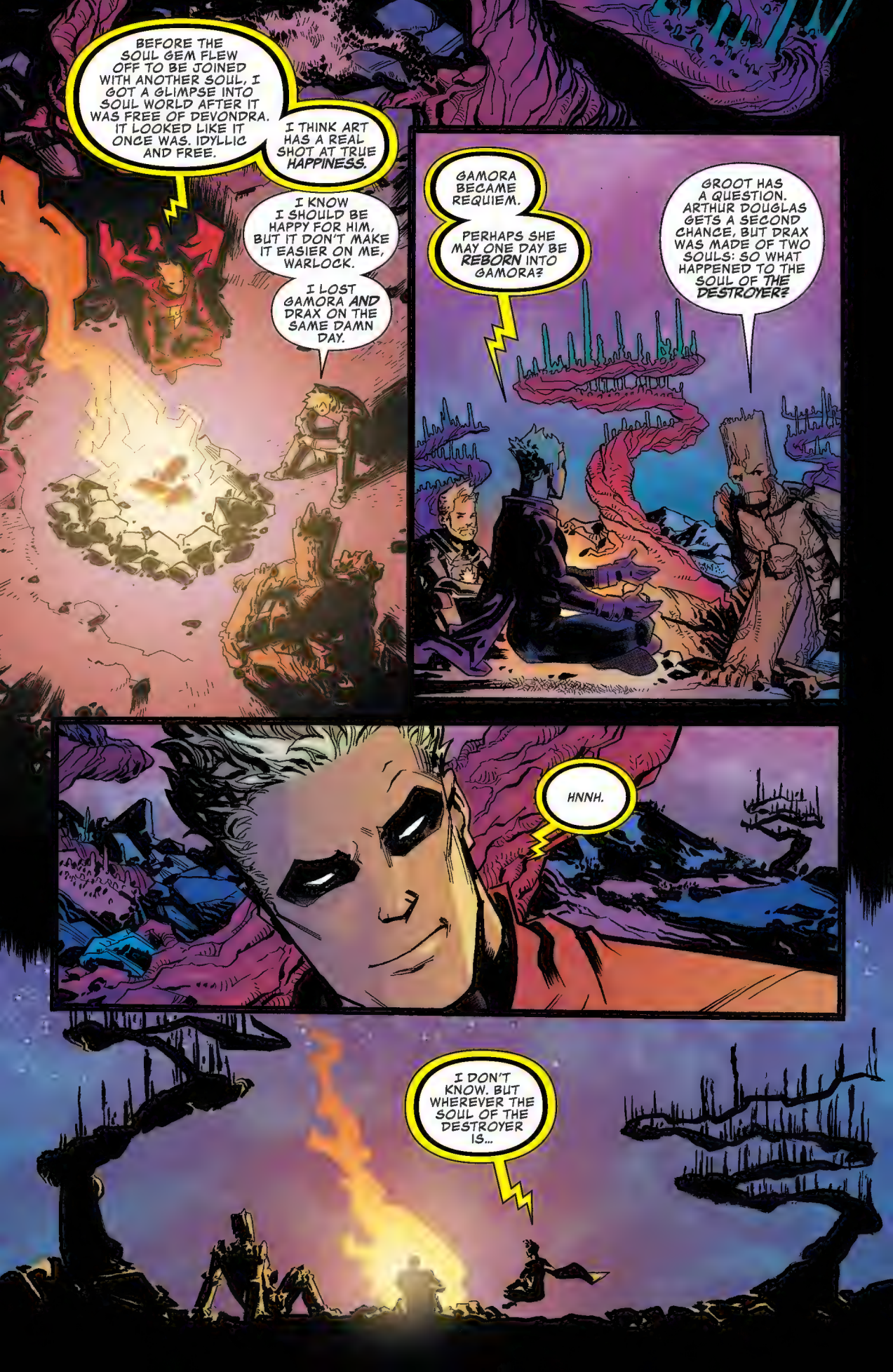
I BELIEVE IN PAST LIVES.
I ALSO BELIEVE IN FUTURE LIVES. TIME DOESN'T EXIST.
IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT ONCE.
HOLLYWOOD
LIFE IS GOOD AGAIN. LIKE, REALLY GOOD.


I SELL HOMES BY DAY--
OPEN HOUSE
HOUSE FOR SALE
--SO I CAN DESTROY ON STAGE AT NIGHT.
OPEN HOUSE
HOUSE FOR SALE
I'M A GOOD REALTOR. I REMEMBER THE LITTLE THINGS THAT HELP MOVE A HOUSE.
BUT I CAN'T HELP THE FEELING...
...THAT SOMETHING'S MISSING FROM MY LIFE.


I NEVER USED TO REMEMBER MY DREAMS.
NOW I CAN'T FORGET THE SAME DAMN NIGHTMARE.
NO, LEAVE US ALONE!
ART! YOU'RE HAVING ANOTHER BAD DREAM!

"DO YOU HEAR ME, ART? IGNORE WHATEVER HORROR YOU'RE IMAGINING."
THANOS
C'MON DOWN HERE, MAN.
IT WILL BE YOUR END IF I DO, EARTHLING.

HUHN.
THE DESERT DREAM AGAIN.
KIND OF.
I WAS GONNA SAVE THIS UNTIL YOU'VE HAD COFFEE IN THE MORNING, BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE UP...I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.
"AND THAT'S THE TRUTH ABOUT THE END OF ARTHUR DOUGLAS; THE BEGINNING OF DRAX THE DESTROYER AND THEN THE REBIRTH OF ARTHUR DOUGLAS."
YOU--YOU'RE PREGNANT?
YEP. CONGRATS, DADDY.
FEELS LIKE A GIRL.


BEFORE THE SOUL GEM FLEW OFF TO BE JOINED WITH ANOTHER SOUL, I GOT A GLIMPSE INTO SOUL WORLD AFTER IT WAS FREE OF DEVONDRA. IT LOOKED LIKE IT ONCE WAS. IDYLLIC AND FREE.
I THINK ART HAS A REAL SHOT AT TRUE HAPPINESS.
I KNOW I SHOULD BE HAPPY FOR HIM, BUT IT DON'T MAKE IT EASIER ON ME, WARLOCK.
I LOST GAMORA AND DRAX ON THE SAME DAMN DAY.
GAMORA BECAME REQUIEM.
PERHAPS SHE MAY ONE DAY BE REBORN INTO GAMORA?
GROOT HAS A QUESTION. ARTHUR DOUGLAS GETS A SECOND CHANCE, BUT DRAX WAS MADE OF TWO SOULS: SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SOUL OF THE DESTROYER?
HNNH.
I DON'T KNOW. BUT WHEREVER THE SOUL OF THE DESTROYER IS...

"...I'M SURE HE'S DOING WHAT MAKES HIM HAPPY."
THE END...FOR NOW!

INFINITY WARS: INFINITY

TEXAS STATE PENITENTIARY AT HUNTSVILLE.
YARD TIME IS OVER.
LET'S GO, HECTOR.
HEY! YOU HEAR ME?
I WAS BORN AFTER WE STOPPED GOING TO THE MOON.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT WE'D GET BACK UP THERE IN MY LIFETIME.
YOU KNOW, LIKE--REGULAR PEOPLE. NOT JUST SUPER HEROES.
WELL, MAYBE NASA WILL SEND SOMEONE BACK TONIGHT BEFORE YOU TAKE THE LONG WALK TOMORROW.
IT TAKES THREE DAYS TO EVEN GET THERE, MAN.
SHADDUP, HECTOR.

MY NAME'S HECTOR BAUTISTA. MY LAWYER DOESN'T HAVE GOOD NEWS.
THE PRIEST HAS EVEN WORSE NEWS. SOMETHING ABOUT MY SOUL.
I JUST NOD POLITELY.
MY FOLKS.
I AIN'T GOT THE WORDS THEY WANT TO HEAR.
TEXAS IS GONNA KILL ME TOMORROW UNDER A NEARLY FULL MOON.
WISH I COULD REMEMBER WHAT THEY CALL THAT.
"IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THIS DIMENSION HAS MUCH GOING FOR IT.

"I KNOW BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS, BUT IF THIS IS ALL THAT IS LEFT OF XANDAR--WHAT'S THE REST OF THIS UNIVERSE LOOK LIKE?"
AS LONG AS WE'RE ALIVE I DON'T CARE WHO ELSE IS DEAD.
HOW ROMANTIC.
YOU THERE!
YOU'RE PHYLA-VELL AND MOONDRAGON, AREN'T YOU?
YOU WERE WITH REQUIEM WHEN SHE WAS DEFEATED.
WHO WIELDS THE INFINITY STONES NOW?
TELL US, AND WE CAN AVOID ANY... UNPLEASANTNESS.
FINALLY.
SOME FUN.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE ENJOYABLE THAN "AVOIDING" THE UNPLEASANTNESS OF MEN.
OR ROBOTS, OR WHATEVER THE HELL YOU ARE.

A DRAGON?!
MY DRAGON IS ALL IN YOUR MIND.
WHAKK
WHILE HER DRAGON RIPS YOUR HEAD TO SHREDS--I'LL WORK THE BODY.
BOOM
NOW. HELP US TRY TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING...
...WE SURVIVED AN INFINITY WAR, AND THEN YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD BEAT SOME INFORMATION ON THE NEW INFINITY WATCH OUT OF US?
ER...

WE FOUGHT THE WOMEN TO A STANDSTILL...
...AND MOONDRAGON ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS, IN FACT, A NEW, SECRET INFINITY WATCH, TALONAR.
TAKE THIS RAPTOR AWAY.
THANK YOU, TALONAR. I DID MY BEST!
YES. I KNOW.
FOR THE FRATERNITY!

COMPUTER: ENGAGE OUR HACKED SATELLITE IN ORBIT ABOVE EARTH.
DISPLAY ANY ANOMALOUS LAUNCHES.
FIVE STREAKS OF LIGHT--THE COLOR OF THE STONES LEAVING EARTH.
IT APPEARS AT LEAST ONE STONE REMAINS ON EARTH.
THE FRATERNITY OF RAPTORS MUST FIND WHO WIELDS THE POWER OF THE STONES.
THE WAR TO CONTROL THE STONES WILL NEVER END...

...UNLESS THE STONES ARE NOT JUST OBJECTS— BUT PEOPLE.
LET THE SOUL GEM GIVE THE OTHER STONES LIFE AND AGENCY OVER THEIR DESTINIES!

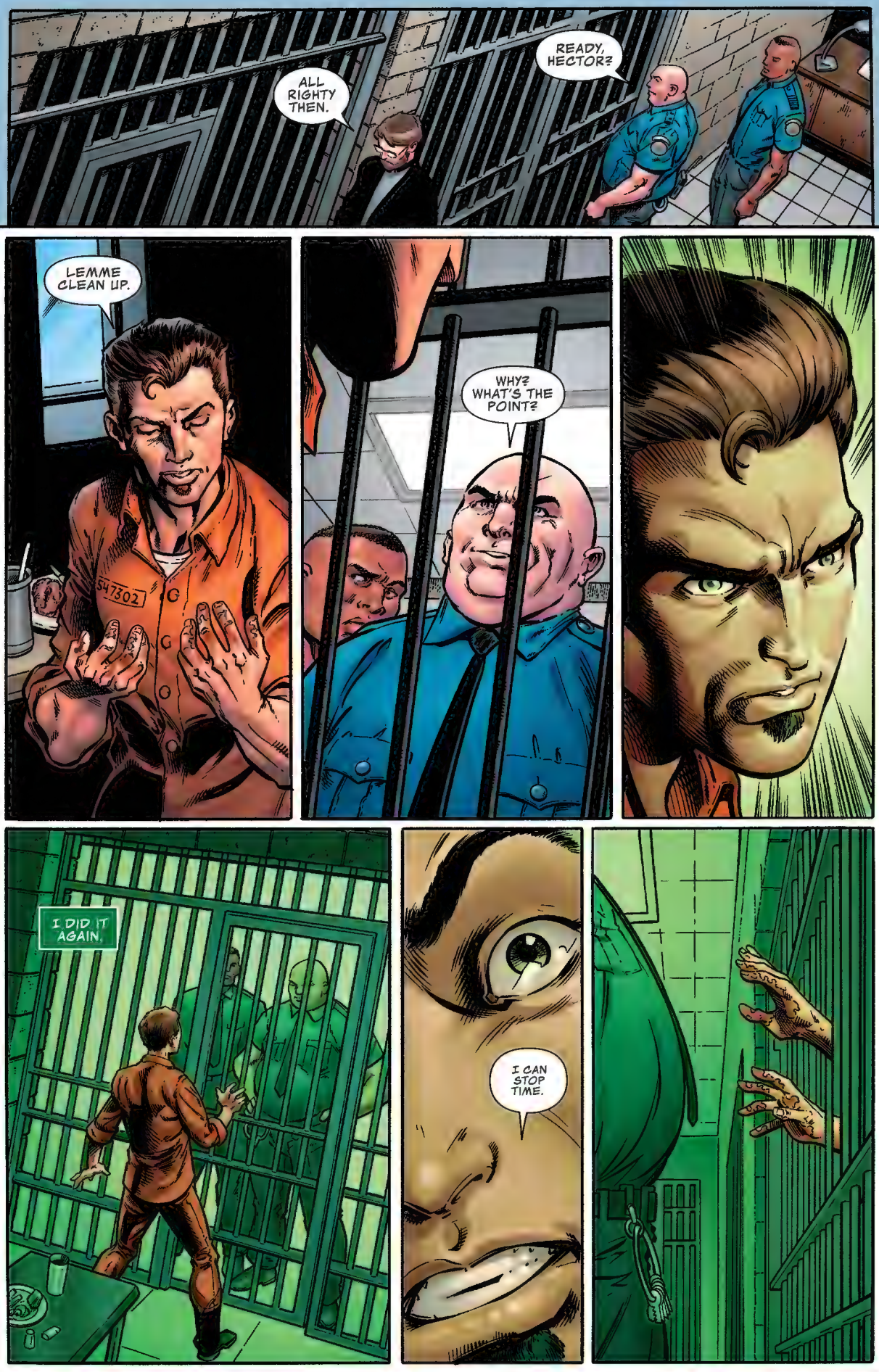
WHERE THEY WILL GO-- AND WHO THEY WILL BECOME--I DO NOT KNOW.
HOPEFULLY THE STONES GO WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED.
I HOPE THEY LIVE SECRET, QUIET LIVES.
BOOM
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!

OH MY GOD!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?
ON THE GROUND, BAUTISTA!
WA- WAIT!

STOP!
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
IF THIS IS SOME KIND OF JOKE YOU GUYS PULL ON US THE NIGHT BEFORE EXECUTIONS--IT'S A REAL BUMMER.
IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?
HMM.
BAUTISTA--WHOA!

HUH--WHAT? 'SUP, BOSS.
HOW'D YOU MOVE THAT FAST, BAUTISTA?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
LOOK UP.
PIPE BURST?
THIS WAS AN IMPACT DOWNWARD.
LOCK THIS CELL. MOVE UP TO THE NEXT BLOCK.
CHECK THE ROOF.
THE PRISON WAS HIT BY SOMETHING--MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUMTHIN' THAT FELL OFF A PLANE?
"TODAY IS THE LAST DAY ON EARTH FOR CONVICTED MURDERER HECTOR BAUTISTA..."

...AND HE WAS NEARLY KILLED BY WHAT PRISON OFFICIALS DESCRIBE AS A "METEOR STRIKE" IN THE EARLY MORNING--JUST HOURS BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED EXECUTION.
BUT THAT'S THE STATE OF TEXAS' JOB!
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME. I'M DIFFERENT NOW. I JUST FEEL IT IN MY BONES.
YOU'RE ALMOST OUT OF TIME, SON. ANYTHING YOU WANT TO DISCUSS WITH ME?
APPRECIATE THE TIME, FATHER, BUT I DON'T NEED YA.
I DIDN'T KILL THOSE PEOPLE.
I USED TO PRAY THAT THE REAL GUY WOULD GET CAUGHT AND THAT EVERYONE WOULD REALIZE THE WRONG THAT WAS DONE TO ME.
AND I'D SUE TEXAS AND BE A MILLIONAIRE.
BUT I DON'T PRAY NO MORE. NOT FOR NUTHIN'.


ALL RIGHTY THEN.
READY, HECTOR?
LEMME CLEAN UP.
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WHY? WHAT'S THE POINT?
I DID IT AGAIN.
I CAN STOP TIME.

OH MAN, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
PHIL, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME I WAS A MESS?
I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE. I'M ALWAYS LOOKING AT YOUR PRETTY FACE.
STOP.
HOW LONG DOES THIS LAST?
GUESS I'LL FIND OUT THE HARD WAY.
I KNOW THERE'S A DOOR TO THE OUTSIDE IN THE SCREWS' OFFICE.
AFTER THE EXECUTION WE'LL RETURN EVERYBODY TO REGULAR SHIFTS.
NO OVERTIME.

SORRY. JUST PASSING THROUGH.
GEEZ! GRAB HIM!
STOP.
HOW THE--?!
AFTER TODAY'S EXECUTION, WE'LL BE IN AUSTIN FOR TOMORROW'S MUSIC FESTIVAL--BUT IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN WILL--
ACTION NEWS
--SPOIL... HEY! HEY!
HA HA HA! YES!
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"WELL, I DIDN'T SEE THIS END COMING..."

I APPRECIATE YOUR COMPANIONSHIP ALONG THE WAY, FLOWA.
STOP SAYING THAT, LOKI. THIS IS A VAULT OF TOMES, NOT A HALFWAY HOUSE FOR HOMELESS GODS. I MUST INSIST YOU BE ON YOUR WAY.
SO-- THAT'S IT, THEN?
WE SURVIVE ASSEMBLING THE INFINITY STONES, YOU GET TO WRITE YOUR BOOK AND NOW I'M OUT WITH THE RUBBISH?
UNLESS--YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHAT YOU LEARNED WHEN YOU SLIPPED INTO THE PRIME UNIVERSE THAT HAS YOU SO UPSET?
THINKING ABOUT THE COMING WAR OF THE REALMS GIVES ME AN UPSET STOMACH.
RIGHT, THEN--

--On yer way!
Ta!
OOF!
WHUDD
You cantankerous old wretch!
I know better than to challenge you when you're near so many books.
There you are! Yer a hard man to find. Get in!
I am no man, and you must be jesting.

I AIN'T, BUB.
YOU WON'T REMEMBER ANY OF OUR PREVIOUS CHATS, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TRUST ME.
NOW GET IN, WE GOT A UNIVERSE TO SAVE.
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WOLVERINE: INFINITY WATCH!

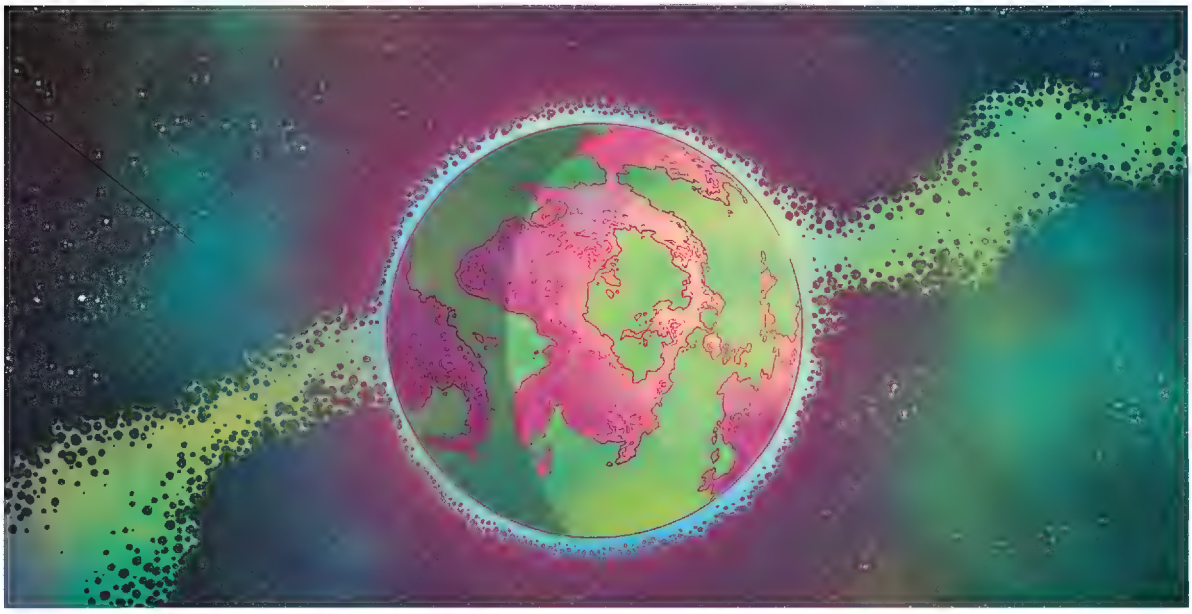
THANOS LEGACY 1 — "ONE"

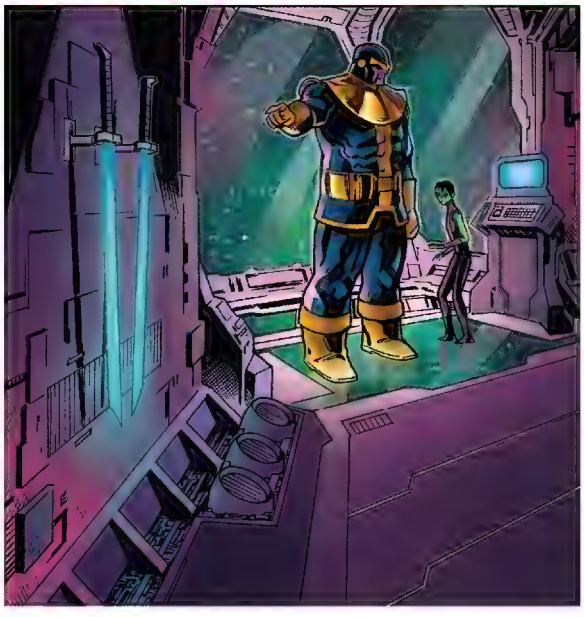
THE PAST

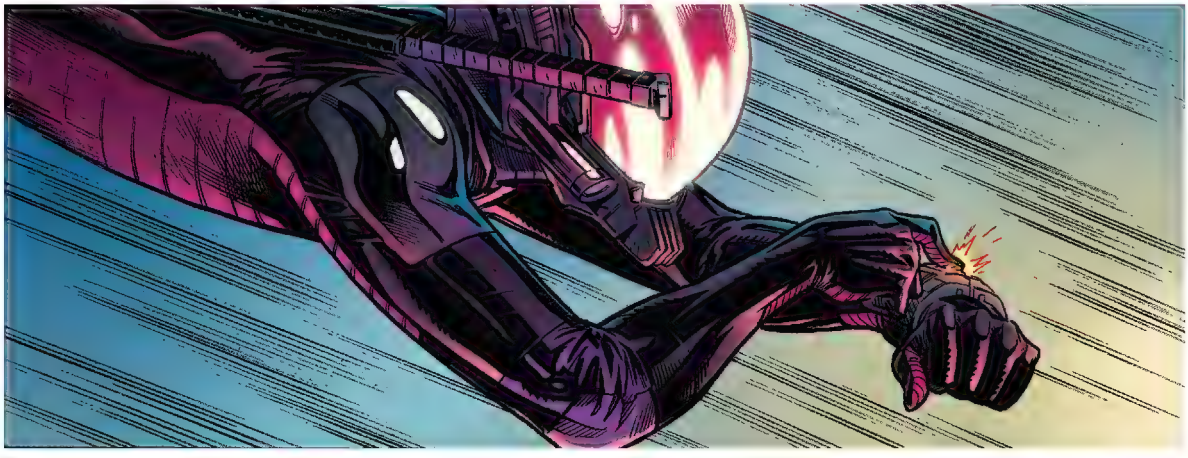
A FATHER

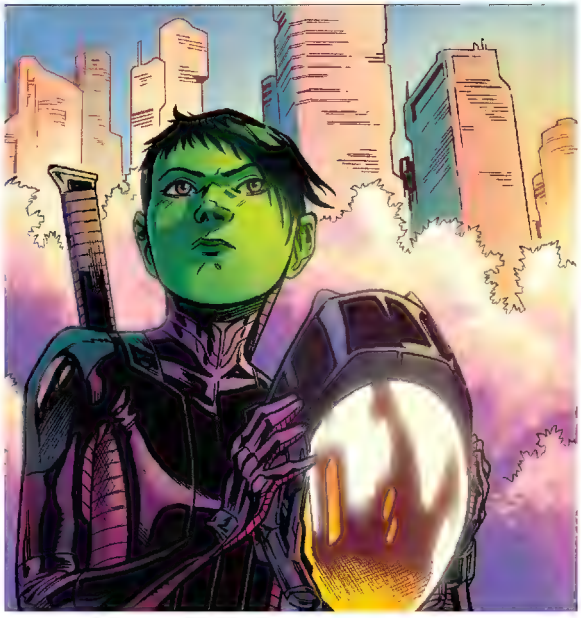
A DAUGHTER

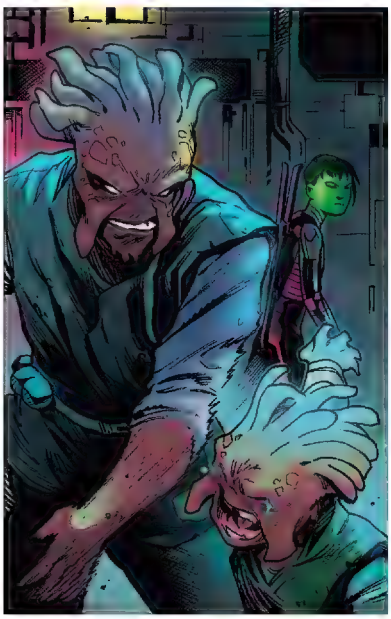
A SIMPLE REQUEST...

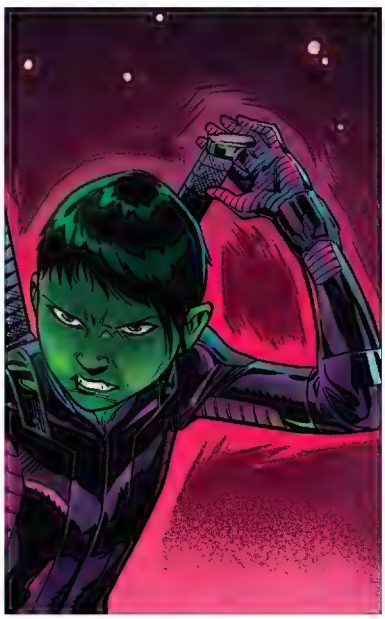


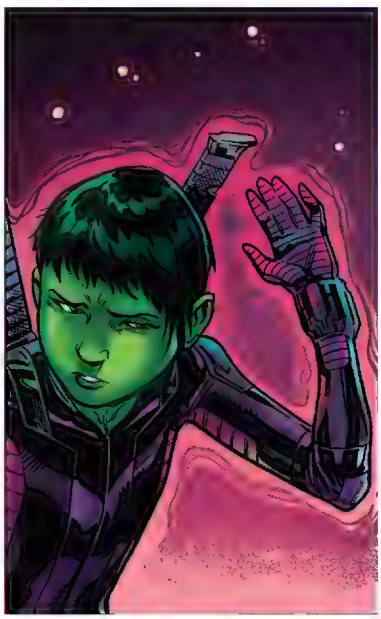


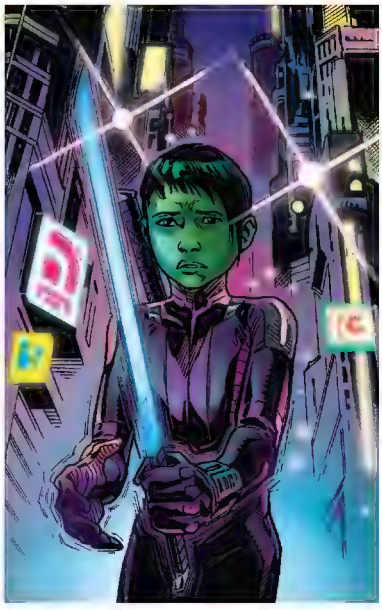


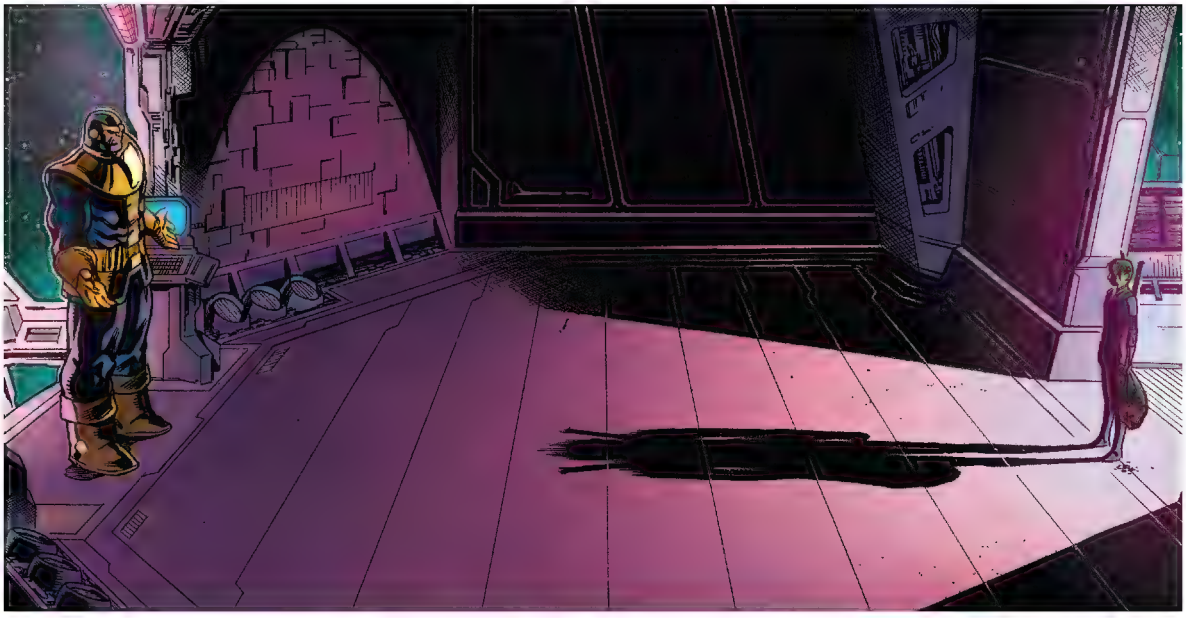


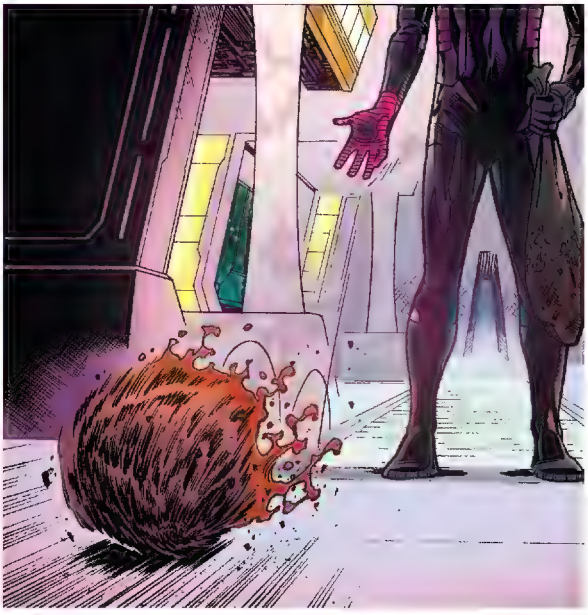












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RON LIM & RACHELLE ROSENBERG

INFINITY COUNTDOWN #2 VARIANT

RON LIM & RACHELLE ROSENBERG

INFINITY COUNTDOWN #3 VARIANT

RON LIM & ISRAEL SILVA

INFINITY COUNTDOWN #4 VARIANT

RON LIM & ISRAEL SILVA

INFINITY COUNTDOWN #5 VARIANT

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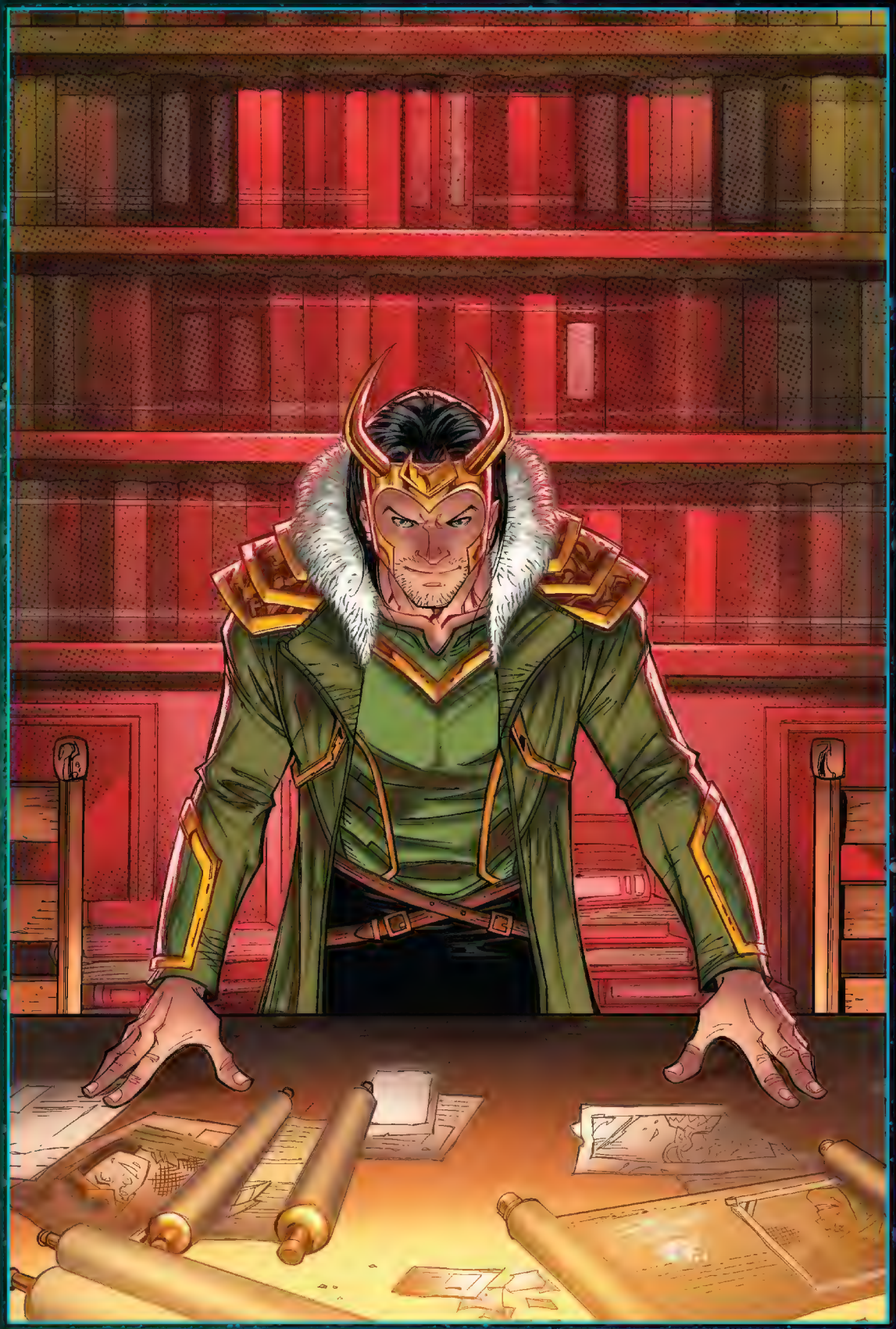

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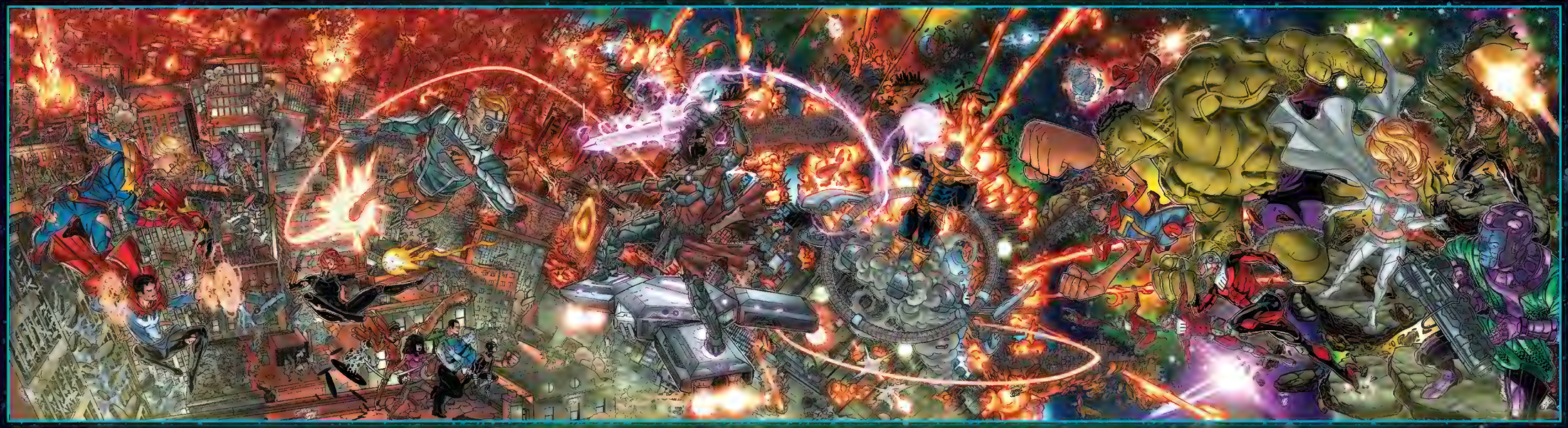

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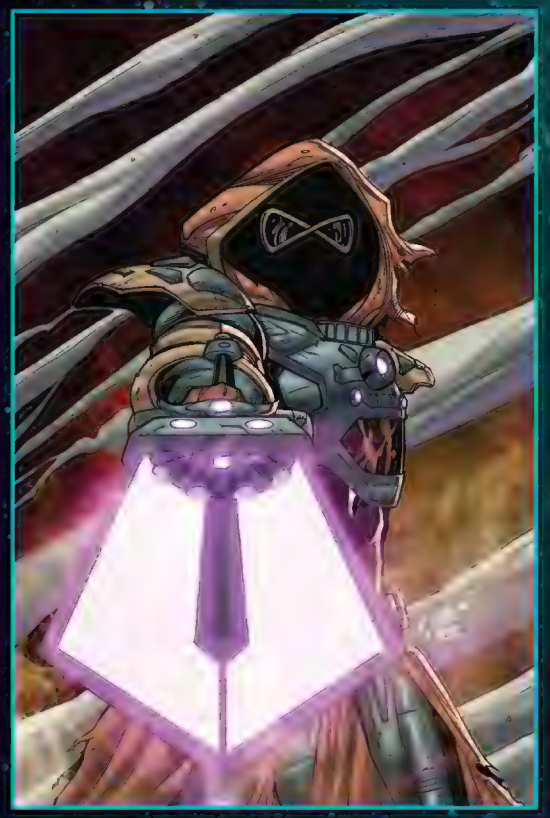

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INFINITY WARS #1 PARTY VARIANT

JULIAN TOTINO TEDESCO

INFINITY WARS #1 VARIANT

FRANK MARTIN

INFINITY WARS 1 VARIANT

J.G. JONES & NOLAN WOODARD

INFINITY WARS #2 VARIANT

RON LIM & ISRAEL SILVA

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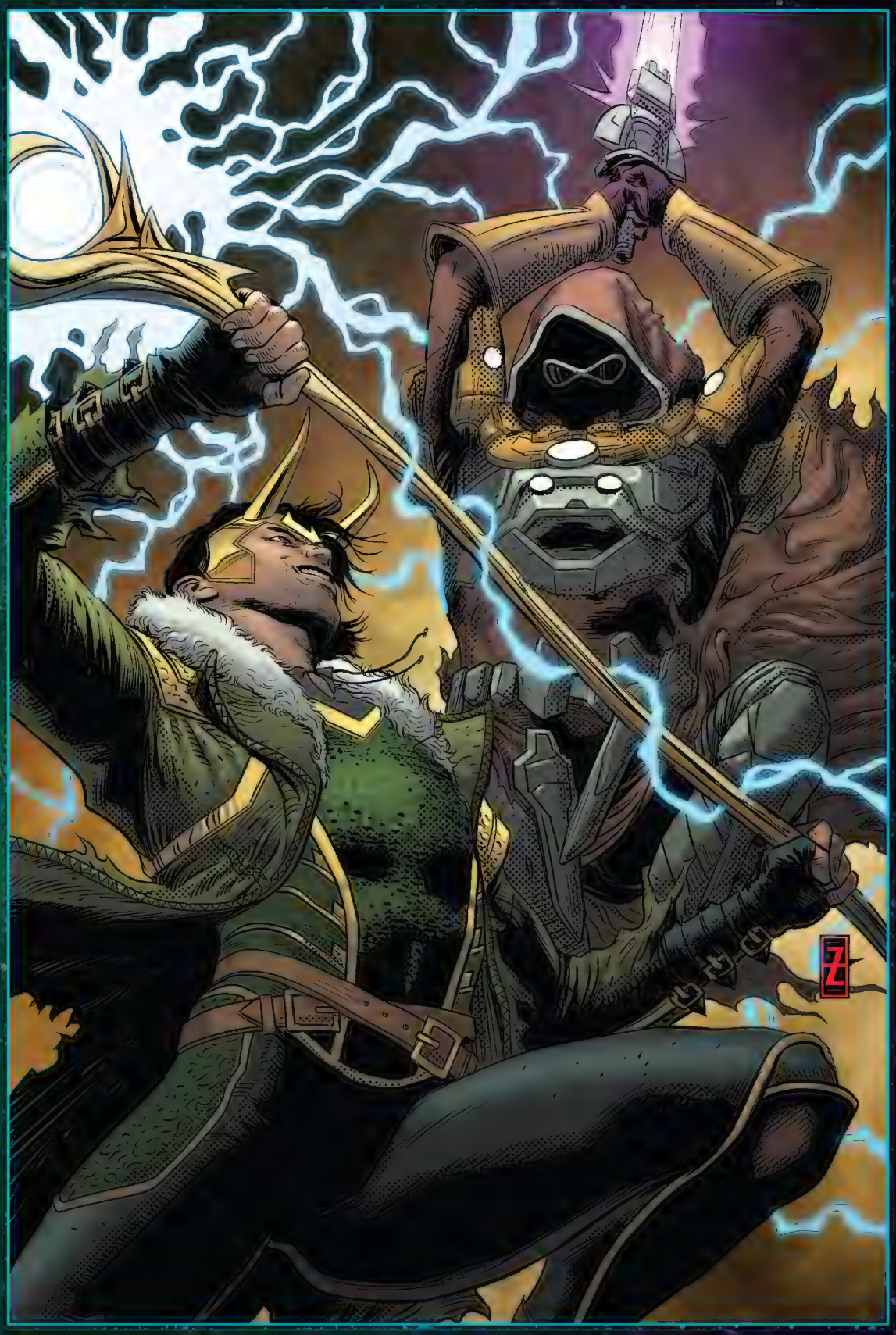

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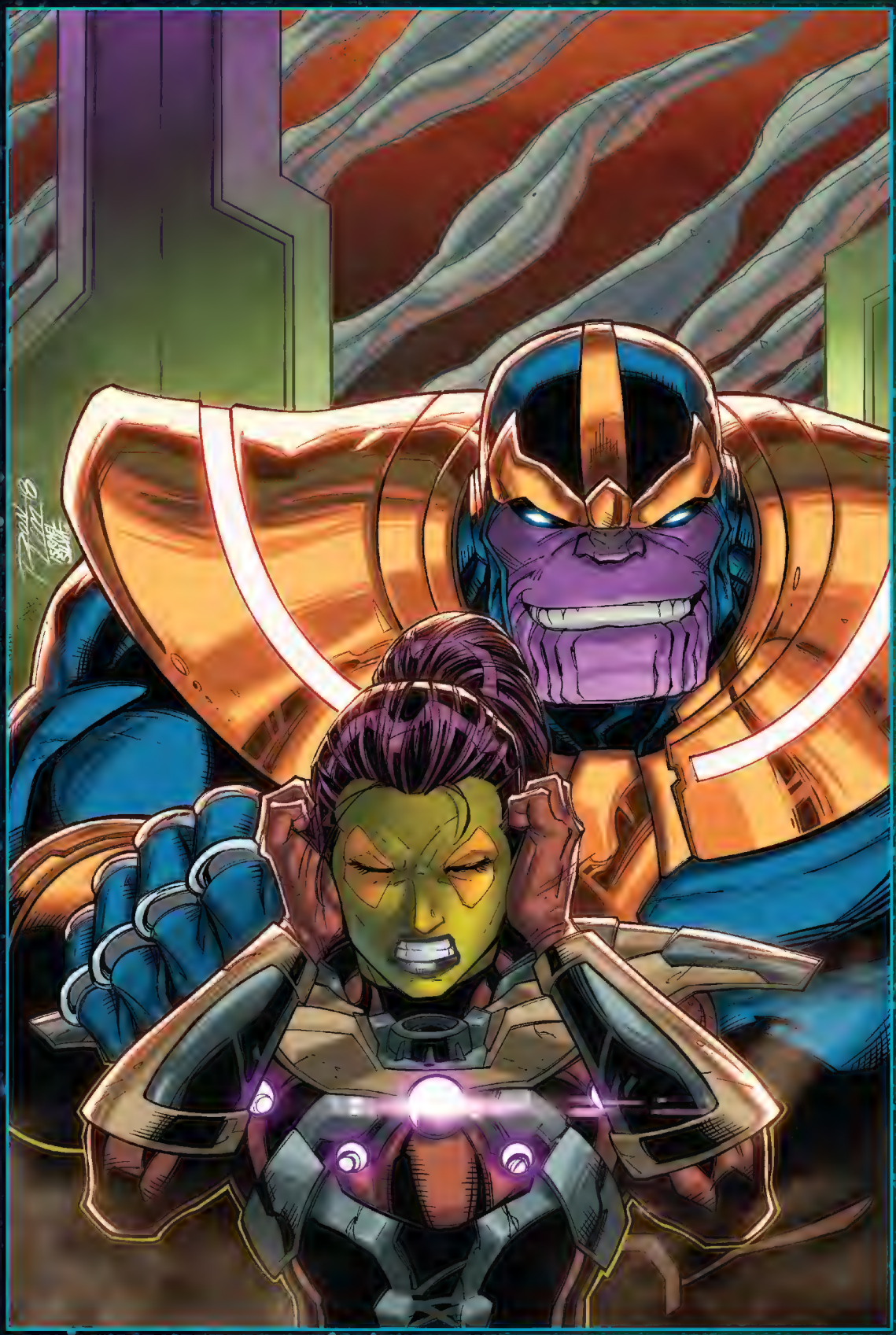

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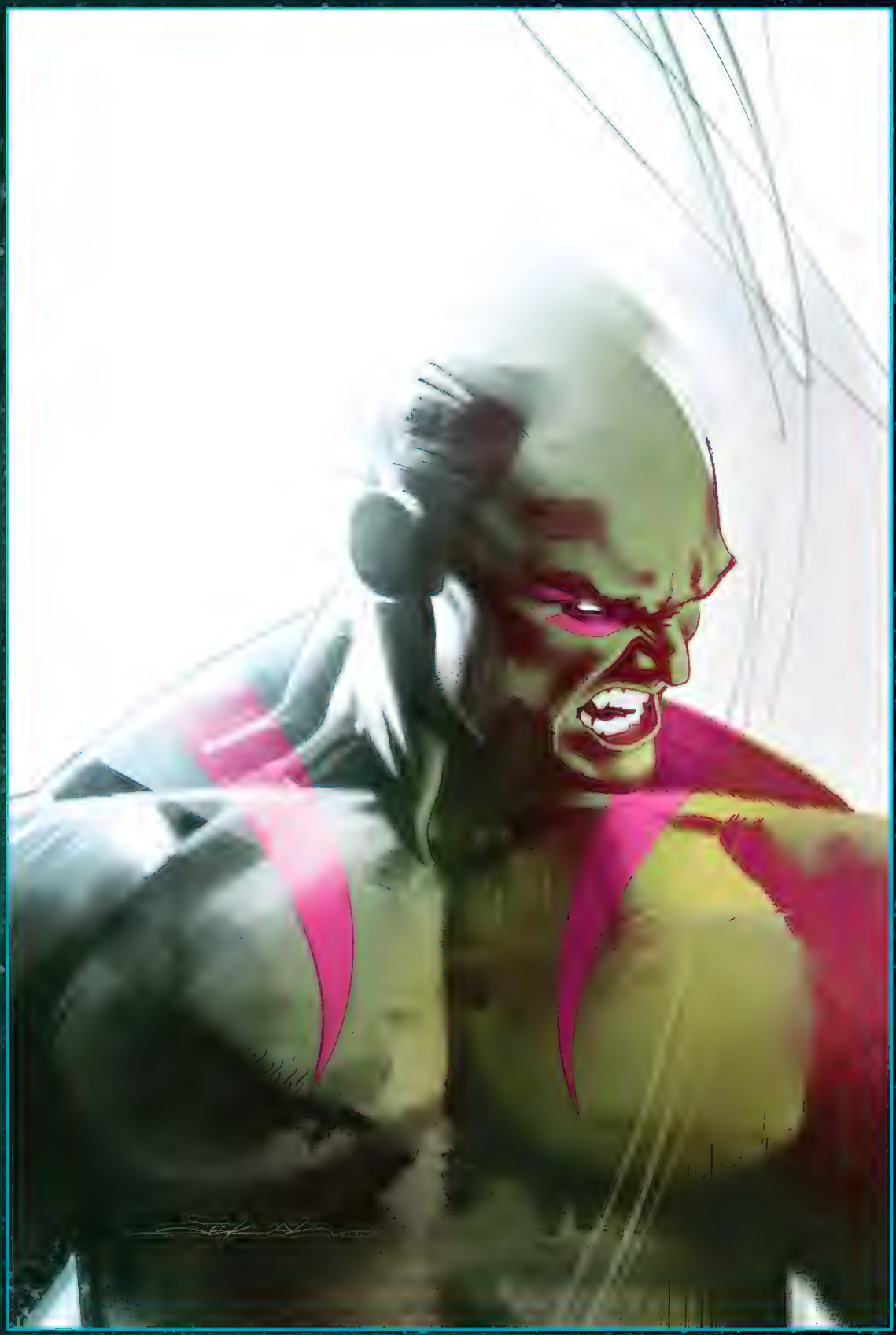

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CHIP ZDARSKY

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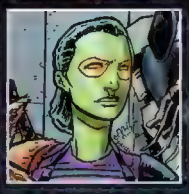
PREVIOUSLY IN...

GUARDIANS of the GALAXY

STARRING:

DRAX THE DESTROYER



GAMORA

GROOT

PETER QUILL (STAR-LORD)

ROCKET RACCOON

AND

SCOTT LANG (ANT-MAN)

WITH:

SCOTT ADSIT OF THE NOVA CORPS

EVE BAKIAN OF THE NOVA CORPS

THE COLLECTOR OF THE ELDERS OF THE UNIVERSE

THE GARDENER OF THE ELDERS OF THE UNIVERSE

GENERAL KI'DARI OF THE FRATERNITY OF RAPTORS

THE GRANDMASTER OF THE ELDERS OF THE UNIVERSE

KANG THE CONQUEROR

LOKI OF ASGARDIA

MOJO OF THE MOJOVERSE

RICHARD RIDER (NOVA) OF THE NOVA CORPS

TALONAR OF THE FRATERNITY OF RAPTORS

ULTRON DRONE

UNIDENTIFIED ALIEN #1

UNIDENTIFIED ALIEN #2

WARBRINGER OF THE CHITAURI

ADAM WARLOCK

TEXT – GERRY DUGGAN & MIKE O'SULLIVAN WITH BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
ART – ROLAND BOSCHI, MIKE HAWTHORNE, FRAZER IRVING, AARON KYDER, ROD REIS, VALERIO SCHITI, GREG SMALLWOOD & MARCUS TO
PRODUCTION – SALENA MAKINA

The whole mess really started after we went back to outer space.

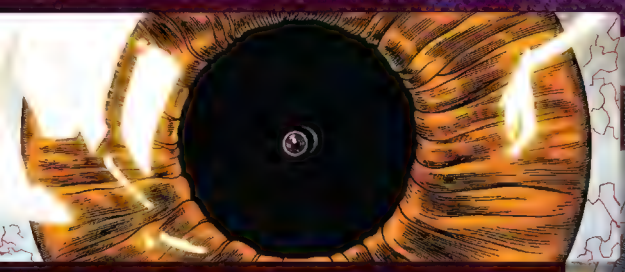
"I know the four of you each let your lives go to hell after we left Earth..."

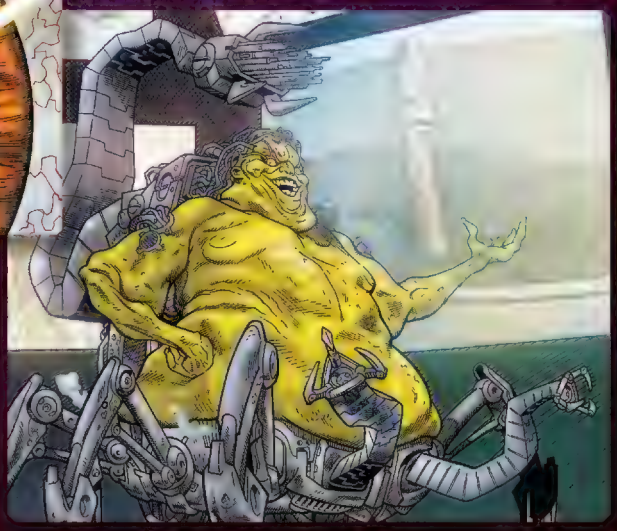
Drax (the Destroyer, for cryin' out loud) became a pacifist all of a sudden, and wouldn't say why...

"I swelled with pride as I sent the cruel king to his death. However, the Slave-King had bound his life to the slaves with the poison in their brands. I had killed them all.

"I won't fight. I will destroy no more. I'm done spilling blood."

...Rocket started acting weird...





"Thanks to our very own secret camera, you just watched Mojoverse's hottest reality show, brought to you from that lovable scamp Rocket Raccoon's point of view. Now stick around for *Talking Rocket*."

...Gamora got even more intense and clammed up (not that she was all that open before)...

"Once, long ago, I died in battle... My essence—my spirit—continued on in the Soul Stone. I thought I left. A part of my soul is still trapped in the stone.

"I need to find the Soul Stone. It's a matter of life and death."

...and Groot can't regrow like usual. He got stuck as some sort of sapling version of himself.

"Groot's not himself after we were attacked. He's weak. He has to sleep a lot—and he's barely grown since the attack."

"I am Groot."

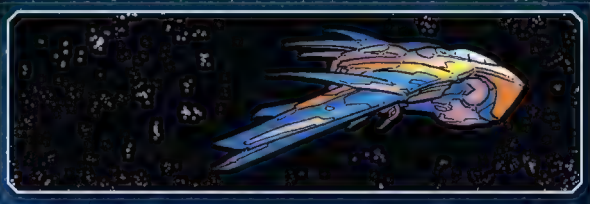
We don't know how or why. Hell, we don't even know WHO attacked him.

"You were born to destroy. I'm going to correct the damage that has been done to you..."

I suppose all that should have had me seeing the inevitable coming:

"After this job, we can all afford to stop taking down scores. We'll go our separate ways and live quiet lives."

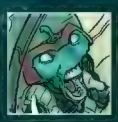
Yeah. 1977 Fleetwood Mac, much? Anyway, then we go get *Shawshank*-ed while prepping for our last gig—not our best performance, really, but it did introduce me to my new girl...

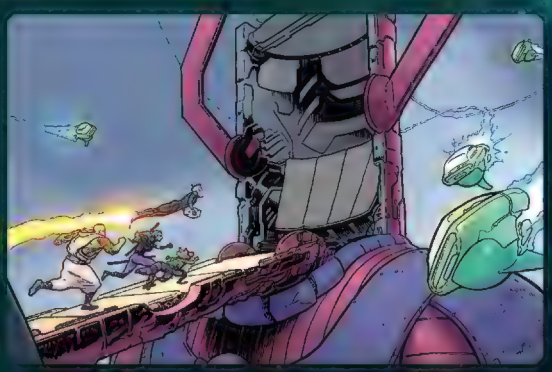


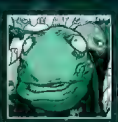
"That's not our ship."

"The *Milano*'s always been our ship. We've just been looking for each other."

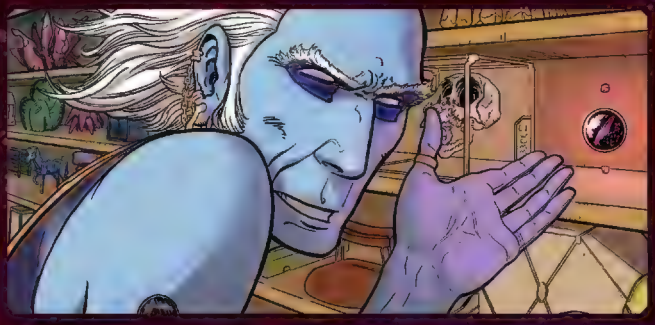
Once Rocket finished building our Trojan Galactus mecha (I didn't think it would work, but, man, was it cool. Childhood mecha fantasies come true.), we were ready for the job:


"It's Galactus—Devourer of Worlds!"




"It's a heist! Galactus was a ruse! We're being hit!"

I gotta admit, I can't believe we pulled it off.



"This was an excellent test of your skills. Now it's time for your real challenge. You're going to infiltrate the Collector's Collection and retrieve the Hujahdarian Monarch Egg."

But true to form for the Elders of the Universe, we got krutacked sideways anyway...

...and caught in some cosmic-bro pseudo-sibling rivalry.

"My brother wants to play a game. ... Fine! I want to play a game. I'm sending you back with a flawless forgery of my Hujahdarian Monarch Egg. Find out if the Grandmaster has acquired an Infinity Stone."

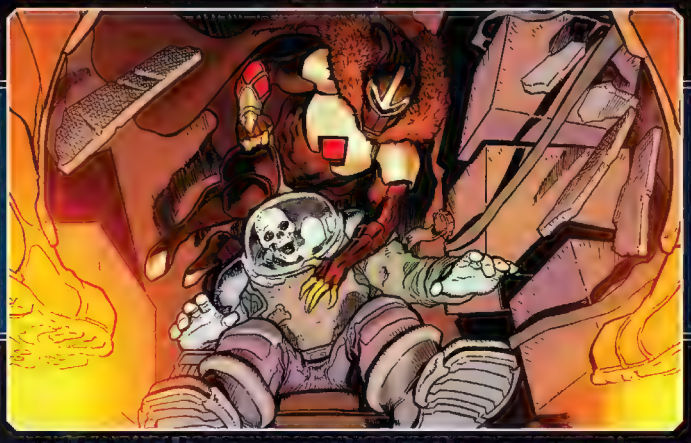
As if we didn't have enough going on, in flies my new girl's crazy ex...

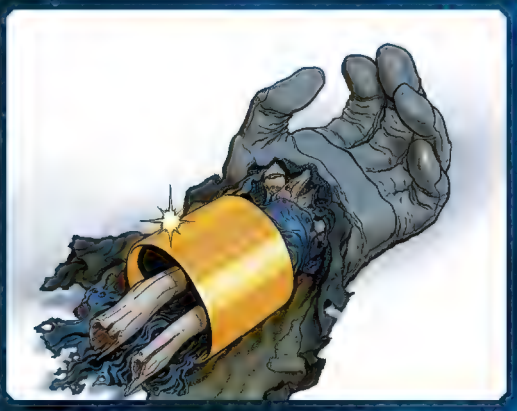
"We're being boarded by the Fraternity of Raptors!"

"It's a good bet these are the rightful owners of the *Milano*."

...who wanted their stuff back.

"That was very odd. They risked their lives for a corpse."





"Is that what I think it is?"

"It is . . . if you're thinking it's one half of a set of Nega-Bands."

Looks like they left some funky space bling on board and couldn't live without it after the breakup.

"You poisoned Rocket! I want an antidote—now!"

"This is the antidote for the toxin I dipped my talons in when I scratched your pet. Give me the other band."

"You know these bands can open warp portals, right? Happy hunting."

Guess it wasn't all that smart giving the bands to zealous nutbags like the Fraternity of Raptors, but Rocket needed help. No-brainer there.

Thennnnnnn Bessie goes and full-on poops all over the fan:

"Brother. It is you. I used the Guardians as my pawns, but you have reacted exactly as I hoped you would.

"The Infinity Stones are missing, and so are some of our fellow Elders. That is not a coincidence."

"What say you, Guardians of the Galaxy? There would be no better way to fulfill that destiny than to protect the stones."

"I am Groot."

"I vote to quest for the stones."

"You know where I stand."

"Yes. For Gamora. Not for you guys."

"Yeah. Whatever. I guess it's unanimous."

We may be the galaxy's biggest losers, but we know that keeping massive power like the six Infinity Stones from naughty schmucks is important. Reunion tour, I guess. Our own version of *The Dance*.

How much you wanna bet we ain't the only ones thinking the same thing?

"We must possess the Infinity Stones. Find the Nega-Bands, and the stones, and destroy everything in our path."

So, like always, we start looking on Earth. (Everyone else hates the *fakakta* planet, but, man, there's nowhere better to get old vinyl. Saving the universe can wait long enough for a quick run to Dimple Records, yeah?)

"I hate Earth. Any leads on the Infinity Stones?"

Our luck? Betcha one of Earth's (too) many baddies now knows what we're looking for.

"At least I know the self-proclaimed 'Guardians' haven't found any of the stones yet. Enticing the Gardener to chop up their tree friend hasn't slowed down these half-wits."

And then the walking salad lets us know it's worse than we thought:

"That's Man-Thing, and he's the protector of the Nexus of all Realities."

"The stones went missing in our universe and every dimension? What the hell are the odds of that?"

Aaaaaaaaaand, no matter the Guardians' dysfunction, we still got people wanting to add more fun. Enter the bigger-than-life Ant-Man...

"I'm sorry for stowing away... Have you ever @#$% up so bad you had to leave a planet in shame, never to return?"

At least now there's someone on board that'll get my references.

Right then, the Cops of the Universe™ come knocking on our door to ask for our help sniffing out the bad truffles in their ranks...

"Thanks for helping me weed out the snakes."

"Welcome to the Nova Corps."

...and I go stumble on one of the six stones at a Nova facility on the planet Xitaung.

"Is—"

"—that—"

"It's an INFINITY STONE."

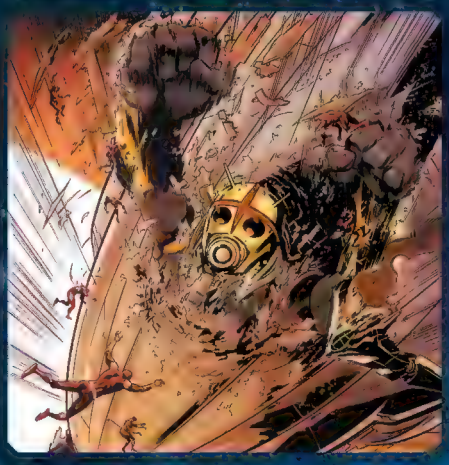
And when we found out murderous tree creatures were rampaging around the universe, we started getting some hints about Groot's arrested development. (God, I love that show.)

"I'm sorry, tree, but I was not the one that killed you."

"Is Groot slightly larger?"

Surprisingly, we started getting some good luck.

"We can get rid of the spies in the Nova Corps, and the Raptors will walk right into a trap."



"The Raptors have been rounded up, their ships destroyed..."

But I know us. It won't last.

"I haven't told anyone that we found the Power Stone..."

"Power Stone? How could these morons locate a stone when we could not?"

"Power is just sitting out there... floating in space for anyone to grab."

"The Chitauri are prepared to offer you your life for the location of the Power Stone."

So, when Drax the Meditator decides he needs to stop hanging out with violent, karma-killing jerks like us, I figure where better to leave him than...?

"I found you a place where you can live a quiet life for a while."

"Meet Drax... He's here to help you hold the fort."

I suppose it'd be nuts to think that since we have enough on our plate, the universe will give us a break...

"Now it is time to live again."

"You are right on time. We have much to discuss."

...so I'll just wait for the next shoe to drop. Betcha no amount of Febreze'll keep its stank away from us.

Yeah. Wish us luck. We're gonna need it.

Hogs and fishes,

Star-Lord

THE SAGA OF THE INFINITY STONES...

The Infinity Stones (also called Soul Gems or Infinity Gems) are six age-old stones often sought by beings lusting after vast power. Each stone controls an aspect of creation itself. In their original iteration, the stones' powers and colors were as such:

POWER
Grants unlimited strength and energy manipulation; fuels the other Infinity Stones.

TIME
Enables time travel, freezing of time and manipulation of age; in conjunction with other stones, can alter the past.

REALITY
Can rewrite existence and alter reality, doing so without the other Infinity Stones poses immense risk.

SOUL
Can alter a being's core personality, access the collective unconscious and confer souls to a peaceful Soulworld dimension.

MIND
Bestows limitless telepathic and telekinetic power.

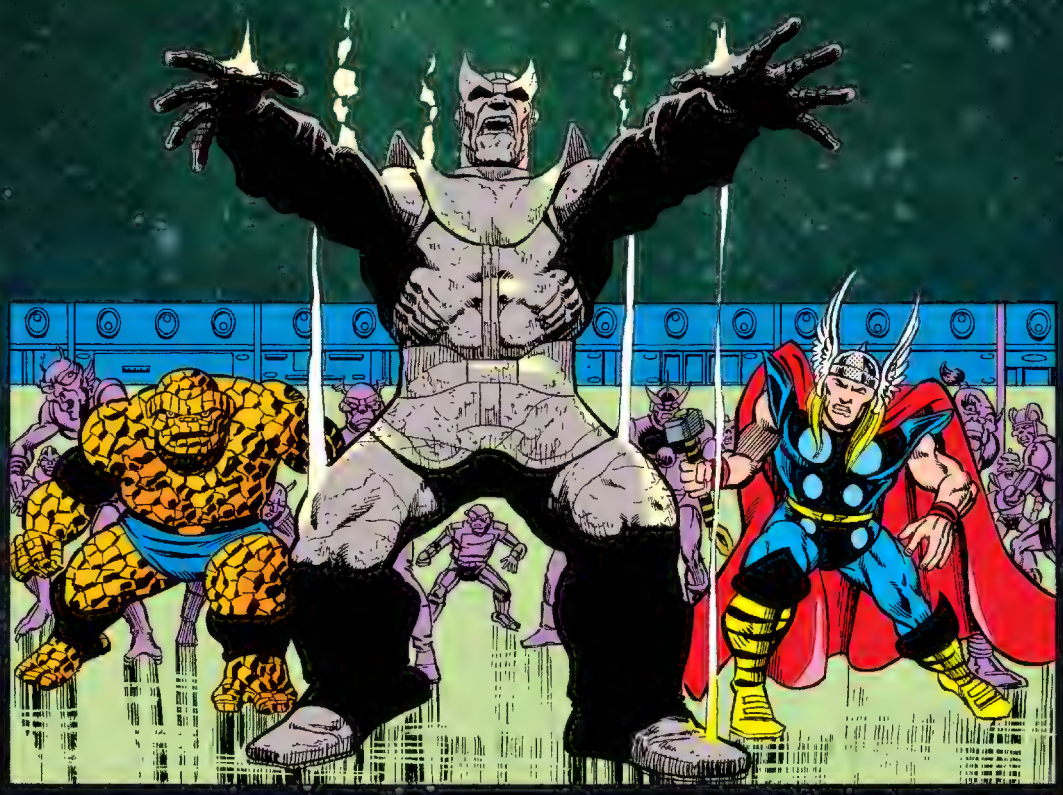
SPACE
Eliminates distance through teleportation and manipulation of space.

Together, the Stones grant omnipotence and omniscience to the user, their power limited only by the wielder's imagination.

It is believed that before the existence of the eighth iteration of reality, a solitary omnipotent being ended its lonely existence, leaving behind six aspects of itself in the form of colored stones possessing limited sentience. Over millennia, the individual stones occasionally adopted hosts, ultimately becoming galactic legends.

In modern times, the High Evolutionary (Herbert Wyndham) obtained multiple stones through unrevealed circumstances and used them to create Counter-Earth on the opposite side of Earth's sun, then granted the Soul Stone to genetically engineered being Adam Warlock to enable him to serve as protector of Counter-Earth's populace. Warlock proved capable of resisting the Soul Stone's oft-corrupting and parasitic nature.

After learning of the stones from an ancient scroll on a dead world, the death-obsessed Thanos of Titan located them and built a large, synthetic gem that siphoned and focused the stones' power. Seeking the love of the cosmic representation of Death, Thanos attempted to destroy the universe's stars as a sacrifice to her.

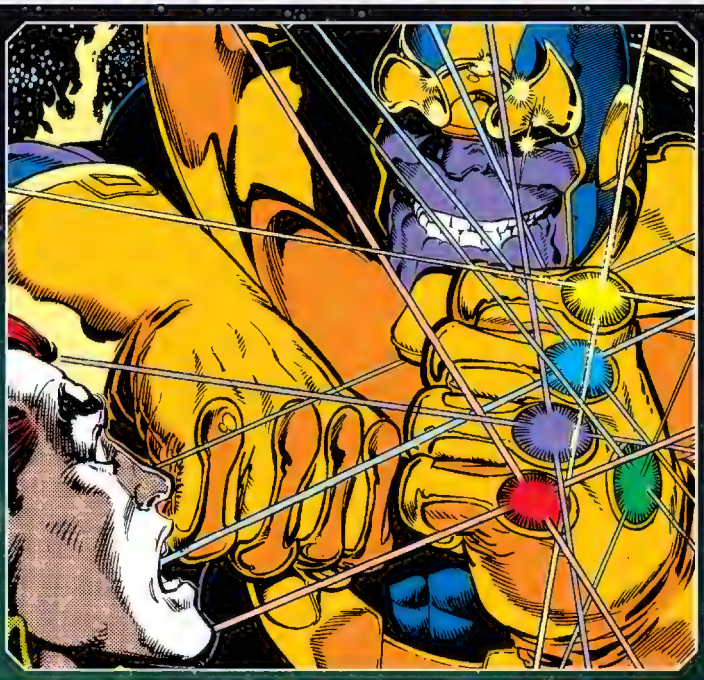


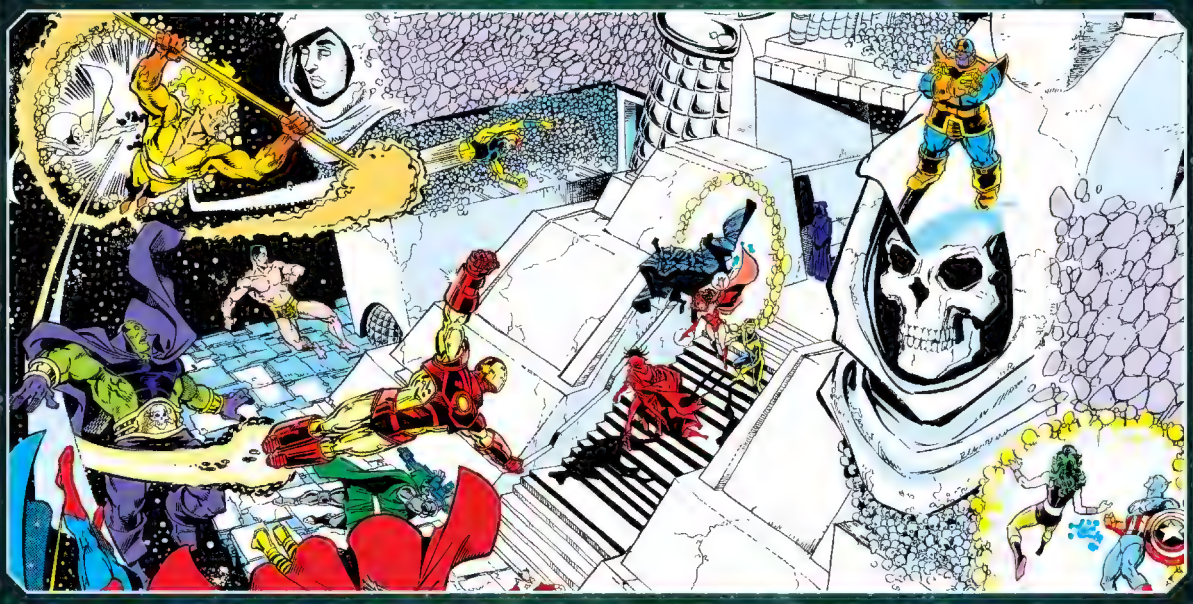
While opposing Thanos alongside heroes from Earth and throughout the universe, Adam Warlock was mortally wounded, and his soul was drawn into the Soul Stone. Warlock's soul eventually freed itself to execute Thanos by transforming him into unliving granite. The stones were somehow scattered after Thanos' defeat, but the immortal Elders of the Universe gradually found them.

When the universe's population reached a point where more beings were alive than had ever died, Death resurrected Thanos and tasked him with correcting this imbalance. After learning of the stones' origins and true potential power, Thanos methodically and cruelly obtained them from their wielders.

Thanos embedded the stones in a gauntlet and used them to become the universe's highest power. After eliminating half of the living beings in the universe, Thanos was opposed by a collection of mortal and cosmic super-beings, including Adam Warlock, who returned to life to counter Thanos.

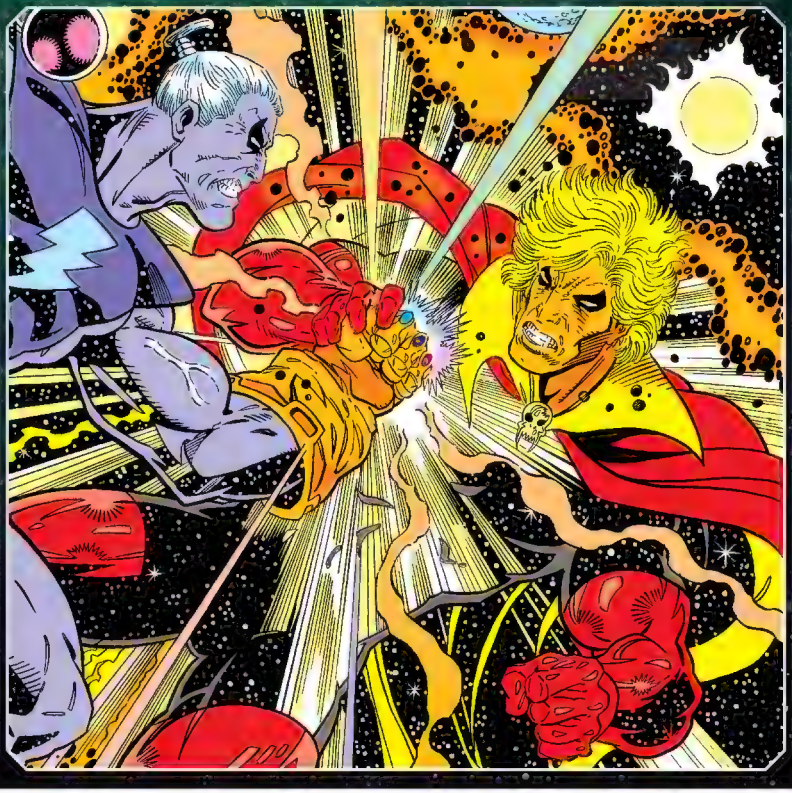
However, when he ascended to the position of the central being of creation, Thanos left his physical body—and the gauntlet—unattended. After Thanos' alleged granddaughter Nebula used the Infinity Gauntlet to undo Thanos' universal damage, Warlock forced Nebula to drop the Gauntlet so he could claim the stones for himself.





Even though Warlock subconsciously purged himself of any aspects of good and evil to be a more objective ruler of reality, the Living Tribunal—the conceptual arbiter and judge of the universe—ruled Warlock unfit to be a supreme being. The Tribunal ordered the stones to be separated and rendered them nonfunctional as a collective. Warlock gathered close allies into the Infinity Watch, entrusting each member with a stone for safekeeping.

When Warlock's evil aspect materialized as the Magus, the malevolent being empowered himself with reality-altering Cosmic Containment Units and sought the Infinity Stones as a path toward universal domination. Warlock enabled the Magus' eventual defeat by substituting the Reality Stone with a non-functional duplicate.

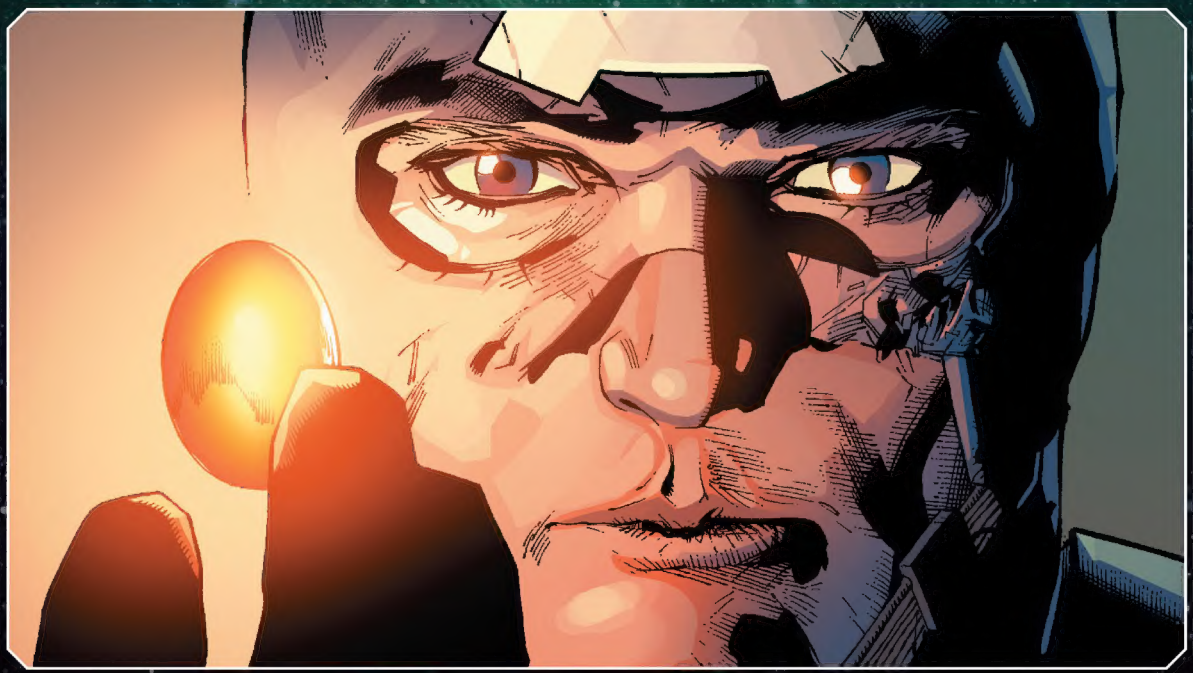


After the Infinity Watch lost possession of the stones, they were scattered throughout reality. A secret cabal of benevolent super-beings on Earth called the Illuminati—which included Mister Fantastic (Reed Richards), Iron Man (Tony Stark), Black Bolt (Blackagar Boltagon), Doctor Stephen Strange, Professor X (Charles Xavier) and Namor the Sub-Mariner—located each stone and hid them for the safety of the universe. By this time, the Living Tribunal's ruling had somehow been lifted, and the stones functioned in unison once more.

When criminal mastermind the Hood (Parker Robbins) learned of the Infinity Stones and successfully located a number of them, the Illuminati was forced to reveal its existence to the Avengers, who assembled to reclaim the stones from the Hood. After faking the Infinity Gauntlet's destruction and the Illuminati's dissolution, Iron Man distributed the stones among the clandestine cabal—now including Captain America (Steve Rogers)—for safekeeping once more.

Later, Earths from multiple realities began colliding due to a multiversal collapse. To save their Earth from destruction, the Illuminati assembled the Infinity Gauntlet and used it to stop an impending incursion. However, doing so caused five of the stones to shatter, while the Time Stone disappeared.

Later still, the Time Stone reappeared and transported a small group of Avengers to multiple points in the future before gradually returning them to the present. After Captain America confronted the time-traveling Kang and his various temporal counterparts, the Time Stone was apparently destroyed when it returned Cap to the present.



After the multiversal collapse caused the ninth iteration of reality, the Infinity Stones were also somehow re-formed. When Thanos' foster daughter, Gamora, learned that a portion of her soul remained trapped in the Soul Stone from the time she spent within the Soulworld dimension years before, she began searching for the stones; realizing the importance of the mission to Gamora, Star-Lord (Peter Quill) and her Guardians of the Galaxy teammates joined her in the quest.

While mutant hero Wolverine (Logan/James Howlett) took the Space Stone into his protection on Earth, the now-massively sized Power Stone was located on the planet Kitaung, which led forces from the evil Chitauri and mysterious Fraternity of the Raptors to seek it; they have been opposed by the Nova Corps peacekeeping organization and the Guardians of the Galaxy.

The Reality Stone has been revealed to be in the possession of the heroic Captain Marvel (Carol Danvers), Earth criminal Turk Barrett has the Mind Stone, the militant Super-Skrull (Kl'rt) has obtained the Time Stone and the murderous robot Ultron has claimed the Soul Stone.

After the Multiverse's reinstatement, five of the stones are somehow now in an uncut ingot form, and the colors of all six stones have switched; the cause of these changes has yet to be revealed.

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